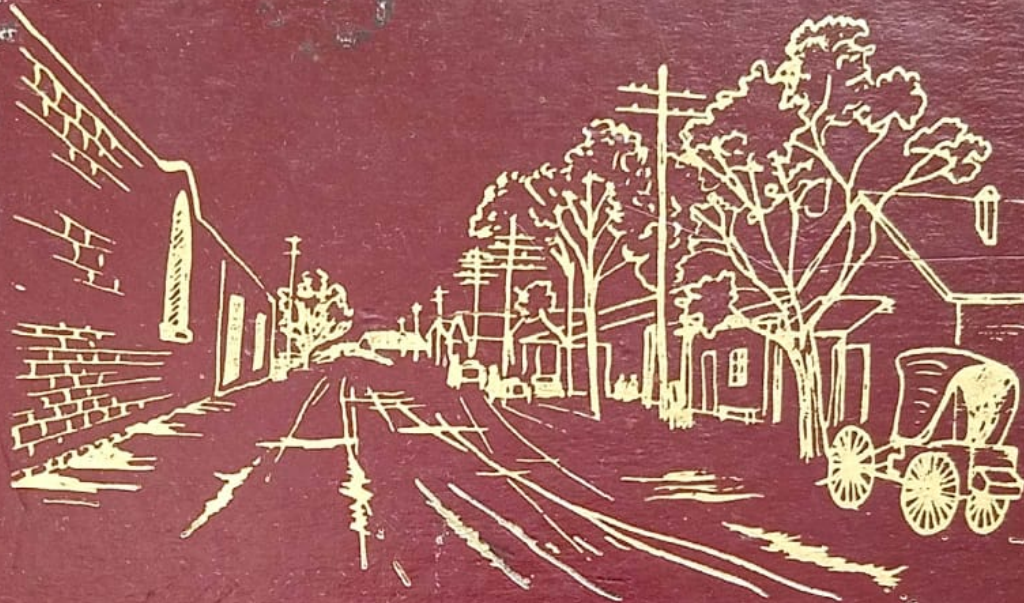


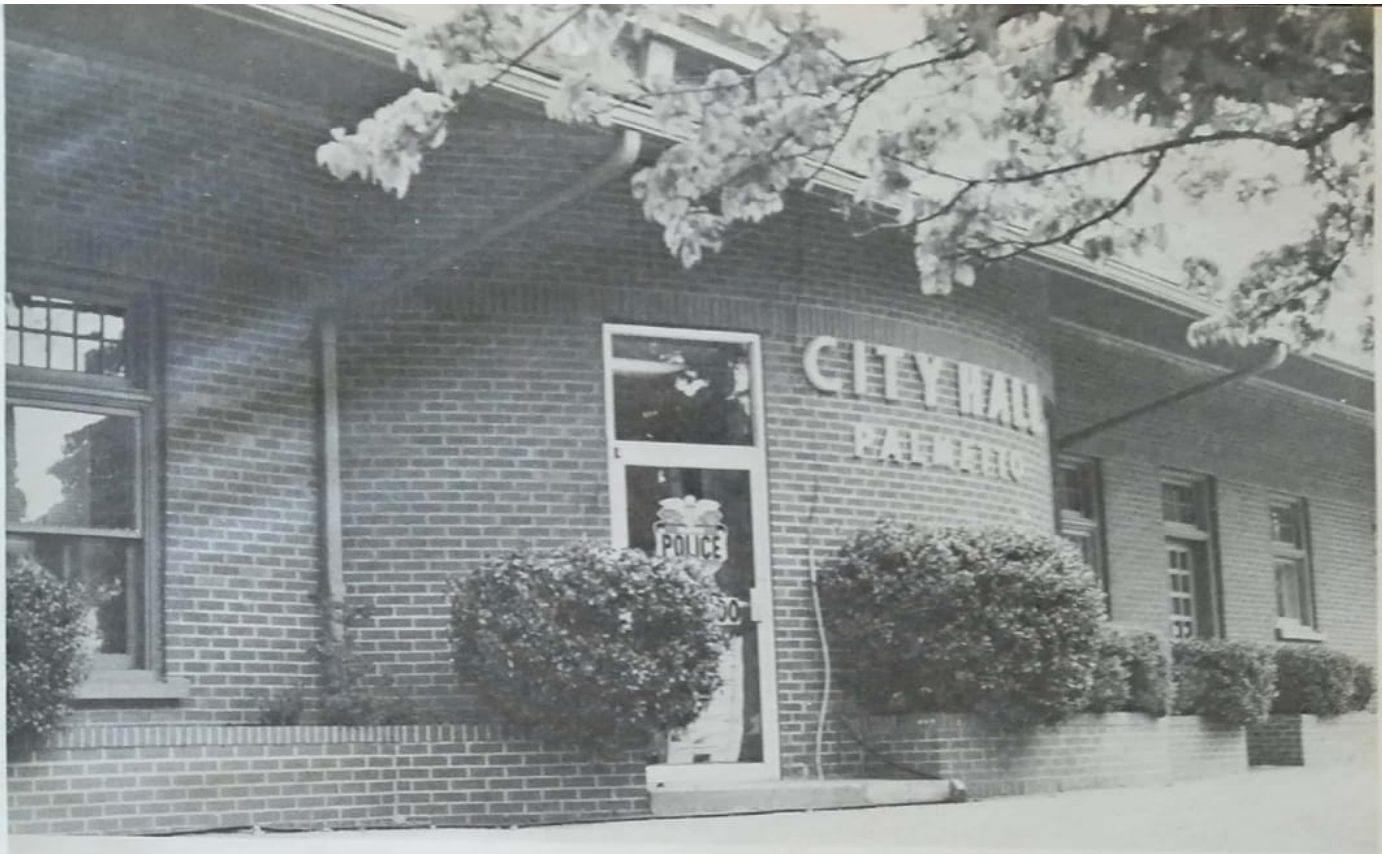


PALMETTO
a town and its people

R. R. Station and Confederate Monument, Palmetto, Ga.

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Mar 1980





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is dedicated to the people of Palmetto and surrounding communities, past and present, who wrote this history with their lives.

Palmetto, Georgia

Foreword

The idea for this book had its origin in the desire to rediscover and recapture the history of the town of Palmetto, Georgia. The Town and County Homemakers Club became the sponsoring organization by setting into motion definite plans to investigate Palmetto's history in order to record it in permanent form. Considering the possible contents of the work led to a decision to involve as many present and past residents and descendants of residents as possible. As a result, the book itself is a cumulative effort, a compilation of information gathered from many sources. The contents of the book form three major sections. The first section presents a history of the developemnt of the town of Palmetto; the second section contains articles and items of special interest; and the third section offers individual and memorial family histories which were written and submitted by a member of each family.

Covering a period of almost one hundred and fifty years has not been an easy task. Researchers have been thwarted by unavailable facts, by contradictory facts, and by the limitations of time. Nevertheless, those who had a hand in the preparation of the material have put together a volume in the best way that could be achieved at present. Since there are topics open to further investigation and since there are topics which lack sufficiently valid information, this is not the definitive history of Palmetto. Instead, it offers a postivie picture of the progress of a town. It is the hope of all who worked on the project that what is

presented here will inspire others to continue the research.

Many people deserve praise for making the book a reality; each person who furnished a family history or a special article; each person who shared information, means to resources, and methods of reproducing mateials; and each person who showed enthusiasm and support for the project. A few people merit being identified for their invaluable assistance. Carole Harper, who compiled the longest service record and who assumed the roles of primary researcher and organizer, devoted her inimitable talents and endless energies toward the successful completion of all sections of the book. Stanley Bailey, in accepting the responsibility for writing the narrative of the history of the town, became, through a natural aptitude for thoroughness, a researcher and also an important contributor to the special interests section. George C. Herndon provided indispensable service in the time-consuming job of editing the innumerable family histories. Finally, two very special people, Miss Katherine Smith and Mr. Bud Holley, became personifications of the spirit of the book by their openness and availability to those needing a hand across time.

It is our hope that this history will prove to be a benefit to both the present and the future generations of the town of Palmetto.

Barbara Crisp, Teresa Daugherty, Editors

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set"

Proverbs 22:28



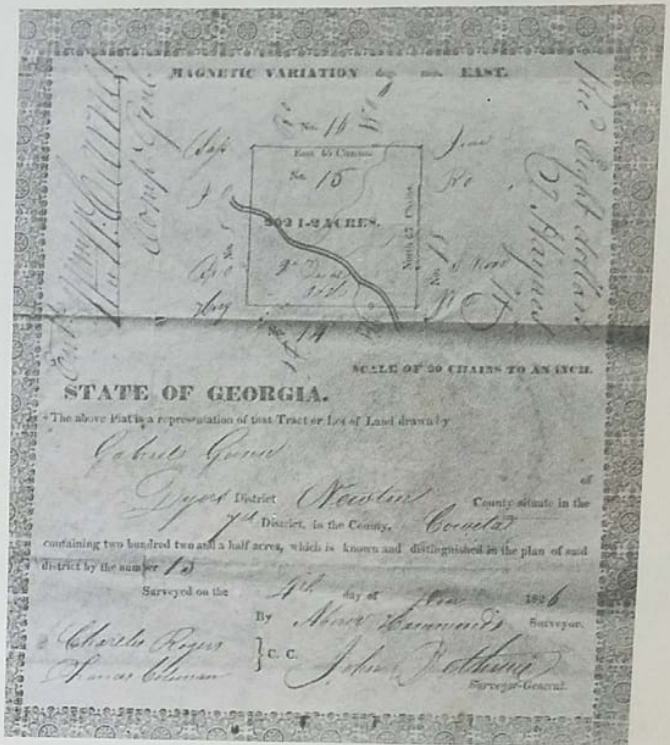
Cover Sketch by Lowell Crawford

History of the Town

In the beginning there was wilderness; then there was Johnson's Store; next there was Willis P. Menefee's plantation; finally there was Palmetto. Thus, the story of the town of Palmetto, Georgia, evolves.

Located twenty-five miles southwest of Atlanta, Palmetto grew in much the same way as Atlanta did. Settlement in the South Fulton as it is known today began with the creation of Coweta County in 1826 and Campbell County in 1828. Most of the people who came to the new district were residents of other parts of Georgia who had won land in the 1827 Land Lottery or who had bought land from those who had won land grants. The first known development in the area that was eventually to become the town of Palmetto occurred in 1833 with the construction of a general store by John H. Johnson, who was appointed the first postmaster. This store was located in northern Coweta County on a trail that would in the future yield itself to a well-traveled roadway, later to be Highway 29, and to the Atlanta and West Point Railroad.

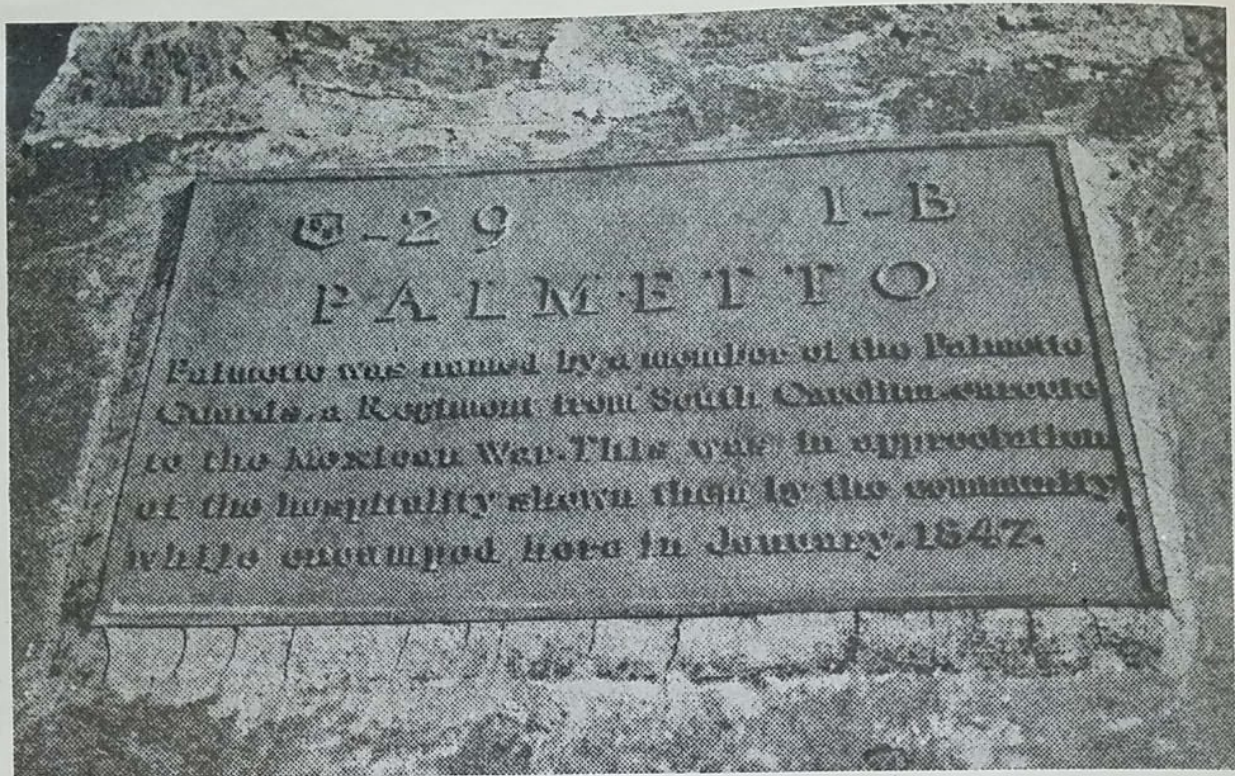
The next step in the process of developing a town came with the arrival in the 1840's of Willis P. Menefee, who is sometimes called the "father of the town." Major Menefee settled in an area near Johnson's Store and a Methodist campground. Tradition has it that the Menefee plantation included almost all of the territory now occupied by the town of Palmetto.



This is a land grant drawn in the 1827 Lottery by Gabriel Gunn for two hundred and two and one-half acres in the seventh district of Coweta County, now Palmetto.



The Menefee Home in 1841.



Located in the Memorial Park, this plaque commemorates the naming of the town

The "Major" saw to it that the settlement would grow into a cohesive and lasting community by donating land for churches, schools and parks. He also had a hand in the naming of the town that was to be. That came about in this way.

It happened that in January of 1847 a regiment of soldiers under the leadership of General Butler was traveling from South Carolina on their way to fight in the Mexican War. The soldiers bivouacked for two weeks in the vicinity of the Menefee plantation and the Methodist campground. During this time, Major Menefee opened his home to the men and showed such hospitality to his guests that upon their departure they presented him with a handsome sword. More importantly, the soldiers suggested that this community might be named in honor of both their regiment and their home state — they were the Palmetto Regiment from the Palmetto State. In May of that year the local residents agreed that henceforth this land was Palmetto. In honor of this historic occasion, the town's first governmental officer was elected, the Town Intendent, Dr. W. S. Zellars.

On February 18, 1854, the town of Palmetto was granted a charter by the state legislature and the first city limits were established. The first town commissioners were Willis P. Menefee, Samuel Swanson, James J. Beall, Reuben Melsaps and John M. Edwards.

By the time the charter was granted, the railroad

was already assuming a role in the making of a town. The Atlanta and LaGrange Railroad was completed to Palmetto on March 17, 1851. This railroad was built on a high ridge of land which runs on an easterly parallel to the Chattahoochee River from Atlanta to West Point. As a natural passageway, the ridge was once a trail used by Indians and later became part of the Montgomery Stage Coach Route. People who owned land in the path of the railroad sold rights-of-way for passage through their property. Major Menefee, on the other hand, being a director and stockholder in the railroad company, gave all the land necessary for the laying of tracks and the building of a station in the town.



Now Palmetto, which had been primarily a farming town, found itself becoming a railroad town. More businesses developed, more people moved into the district, and an area which began as a wilderness had truly become a town.

However, that great interrupter, the Civil War, was to create for a while a respite in the development of Palmetto. Joining in the cause for the Confederacy, the townspeople organized the Palmetto Guards under the command of Capt. James J. Beall. This group was activated on June 11, 1861, as Company C, 2nd Regiment, 4th Brigade, Georgia State Troops, and later was attached to the Army of Tennessee as Company C, 19th Regiment. Another group was organized under the leadership of Capt. George C. Looney, who had a school in Palmetto. He put together a cavalry unit comprised of some of his students as well as other young men of the vicinity. Capt. Looney's group became Company I of Forrest's Brigade. In addition to these organized companies, numerous young men went off to war on an individual basis, many simply awaiting that time when their ages would permit their acceptance.

At home in Palmetto, the most notable occurrence during the war years related to the Battle of Atlanta. On September 21, 1864, Gen. John B. Hood, retreating from Sherman's destruction of Atlanta, brought his 40,000 men to Palmetto in order to regroup and map plans for a counter offensive against Sherman. On the twenty-fifth, President Jeff Davis visited Hood and together they planned an aggressive campaign to cut off Sherman's lines of communication. Davis reviewed the troops and made a short speech in an attempt to boost the morale of both the soldiers and the civilians. Davis assured his audience that they would make Sherman's retreat "more disastrous than was that of Napoleon from Moscow." Hood began moving his troops out of Palmetto on the 28th and 29th of September.

When the war had ended and those who survived had returned home, Palmetto began to move forward again. In 1868 reorganization seemed necessary; therefore, in that year a municipal form of government was adopted. The first mayor was J. C. Steed; Councilmen were W. J. Shockley, J. M. Hopkins, J. T. Beckman, and A. M. Harrington; the Marshall was Alton Thomas.

The many occupations of the residents of Palmetto in the 1870's reveal a developing, self-sustaining community. In the surrounding district, the families were engaged in farming, but in the town itself there were numerous dry-goods merchants and clerks, several physicians, a druggist, ministers, school teachers, a lawyer, a bailiff, a railroad engineer, a depot agent, a blacksmith, a painter, a boot maker, a plasterer, a brick molder, a wheelwright, carpenters, brick masons, and a tobacconist agent. Wives were universally

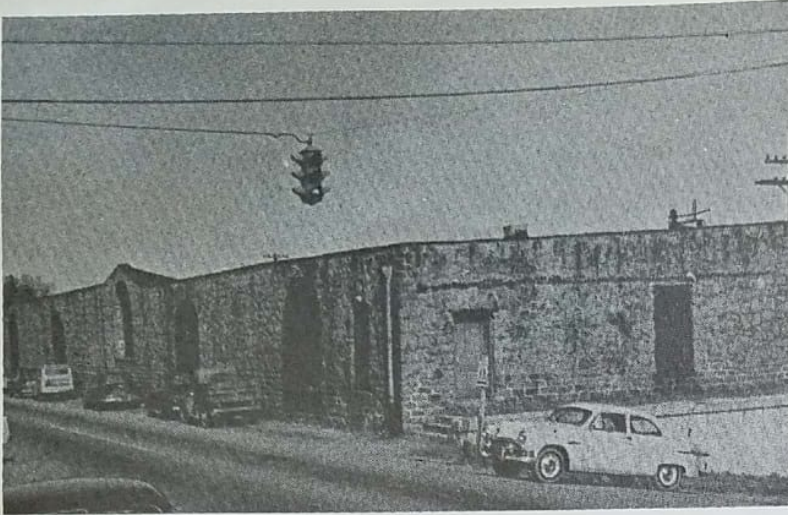


John Hutchins Johnson (1807-1864) at the headquarters of the Nineteenth Georgia Regiment (February 1862) in Virginia, surrounded by some of his children and friends in the regiment. He is seated holding a tall beaver hat. On the extreme left is his son, Lt. Col. Tom C. Johnson, and his wife and child. Seated in center of the photo to left of the flag is his son William Johnson; and beside him to right of the flag is Richard H. Johnson. To the right of him and beside John Hutchins Johnson is John Johnson, a nephew of John Hutchins Johnson; Reverend Dabney Penn Jones, a relative by marriage, is at the extreme right of the picture.

occupied with "keeping house."

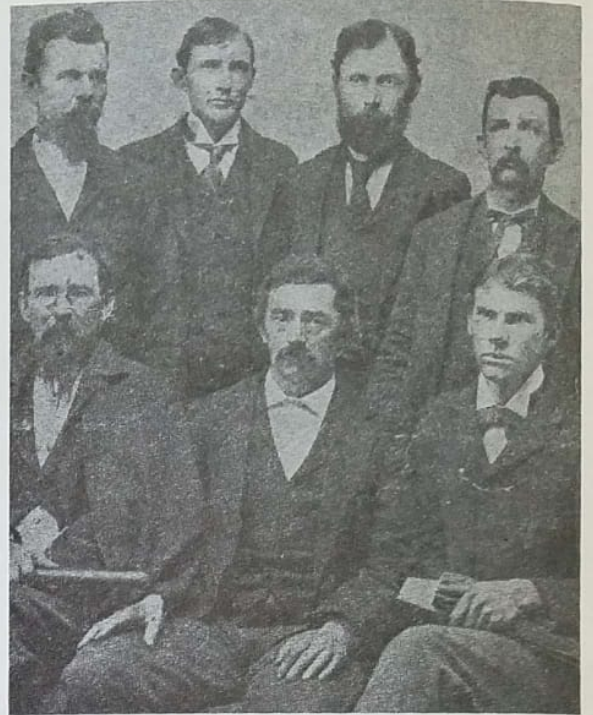
To insure the evolving stability, a public school system was officially organized in 1884. Schools had been established prior to this time, of course, but now the citizens saw a need for planned programs of study and supervision of the education of their children. The first school commissioners were W. W. Floyd, John T. Beckman, Thomas J. Bullard, William M. Walthall, Levi Ballard, H. J. Johnson, J. A. Johnson, Owen H. Cochran, and W. S. Zellars.

In the late 1800's two cotton warehouses were constructed, the first in 1889 and the second in 1898 north of the depot on a strip of land between Main Street and the railroad. The second was called the Granite Warehouse because it was partially built of rock from Stone Mountain. Since the Granite Warehouse occupied such a prominent position in the middle of town,



it became for several generations Palmetto's most visible and lasting landmark.

During this same era, the townspeople witnessed two additional construction projects. The St. Elmo Hotel, completed in 1890, became, as one correspondent of the time expressed it, "a haven for those escaping from the pressures of Atlanta." The Palmetto Cotton Mill was built in 1896 and gave Palmetto its longest-surviving industry, as it continued to operate until 1955.



The Mayor and Town Council of Palmetto, Georgia, 1898-1899. Seated L-R: Joe Givins, marshal; Thomas Arnold, mayor; Henry W. Morris, town clerk. Standing, L-R: Baron Lafayette Morris, Fred Smith, Dr. Penniston and Mr. Mixon.



Built by Dr. Hal Johnson approximately 1885, the St. Elmo Hotel was used as a summer resort by people from Atlanta. Later it became a boarding house for many families in Palmetto and was op-

erated by Callie Abrams Carlton and her mother Mrs. Sallie Abrams.

By 1900 the town of Palmetto had a population of 620; there were 1478 people in the total district which included the Goodes, Sardis, and Rico communities. At this time the town housed express and telegraph offices; a money order post office with rural free delivery routes; many businesses; and manufactories — a woodworking shop, a public gin, an iron foundry, a blacksmith shop, and the cotton factory which was using annually about 3000 bales of cotton.

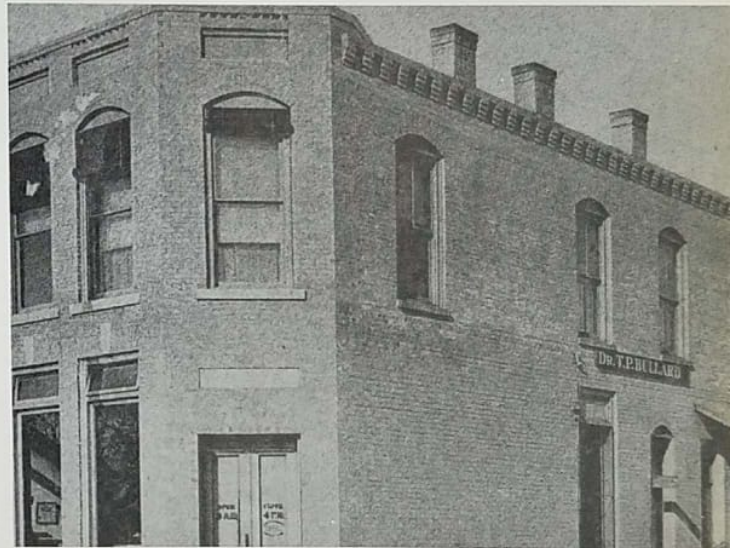
The first decade of the new century presented Palmetto with a series of firsts. In 1902 the Bank of Palmetto opened its doors to serve the citizens of the town. On March 1, 1905, the Southern Bell Telephone Company activated the Palmetto exchange and installed its first telephone in Bullard's Store. When the development of the dial telephone eliminated the need for a local station in every town, Palmetto's exchange closed in 1938, and the last operator, Miss Evelyn Smith, was transferred to Newnan. Also in 1905, Mr. Berry Cochran Jr. provided Palmetto with its first electricity by generating power from his mill which was located a few miles west of town on Big Bear Creek. A tornado paid Palmetto a visit in 1914 and left a strange calling card — it lifted the roof off the Granite Warehouse and placed it on the nearby railroad tracks. Rail traffic was delayed for part of the day, as debris had to be removed.

Not as a result of tornado scares but as a matter of necessity and convenience, the Atlanta and West Point Railroad in 1918 raised the level of the railroad tracks through town and built three underpasses. In order to provide more efficient service, the railroad company constructed a new depot in Palmetto and moved the old one to Stonewall.

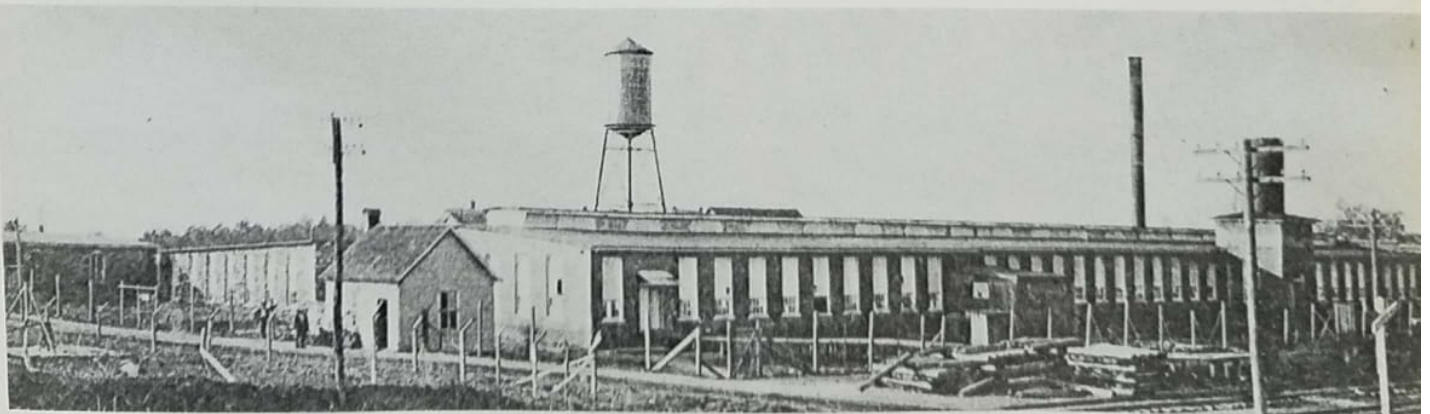
Berry Cochran's electricity had so whetted the appetite of its users that they were especially happy to see Georgia Power Company arrive in 1918 with its high-tension transmission lines and steel towers. Big Bear Creek had to move over so that Georgia Power could bring in electricity which at the time was being generated at Tallulah Falls.



Alf Burney, the shoe maker.



This building housed the first bank of Palmetto and the offices of Dr. T.P. Bullard, Dr. J.A. Carlton and the Telephone Exchange.



Palmetto Cotton Mill in early 1900

The Twenties proved to be a difficult time for farmers. Since cotton was the principal cash crop in 1920, the arrival of the boll weevil almost completely destroyed the farm economy. As some people deserted their farms for work in towns, others remained and learned to fight the pest with home remedies and insecticides. The severe drought of 1925, although aiding in the destruction of the boll weevil, was a second unmerciful blow to the farmer and to the town itself. Palmetto Cotton Mill was closed during the summer and fall because low water levels affected the supply of electricity. To attest to the severity of the drought was the experience of one Goodes family. In taking their annual trip to Douglas County, they discovered that, rather than use the ferry, they could drive the horse and buggy across the bed of the Chattahoochee River. One farmer even planted and harvested a crop

of turnip greens on the river's bank that would normally have been below water level.

On the positive side, 1923 was the year that gave Palmetto its first paved road. A concrete surface was applied to Highway 29, providing the town with a gleaming, new Main Street. Resulting from a statewide effort in road improvement, the Highway 29 project was contracted by counties. Since Palmetto's city limits extend into two counties, townspeople were able to observe the paving process as it neared from the north as well as from the south. The Coweta County portion was completed first, and months later residents gave a collective sigh of relief as the Campbell County crews poured the final section at the town's southernmost limits.

The 1930's brought two important mergers to the town. Both were viewed as economic necessities, and



T.D. and Sara Wilson's
63 acre farm on Hearn road



Steam-driven engine used in the paving of Highway 29



Cotton Pickin' Time west of Palmetto in 1932



Atlanta-West Point workers laying cross-ties in 1928. Left to right: Will Abbott, A.B. Bradley, Jack Coggins, Walt White, John White, James "Spot" Slaughter.



Palmetto's last school funded by the Palmetto Board of Education. This building was built in the 1800's by a Mr. Harris and was erected off East Church Street where the new Hammond Baptist Church

is located. This school had six rooms and a large auditorium on the second floor. The grades were from one to ten.

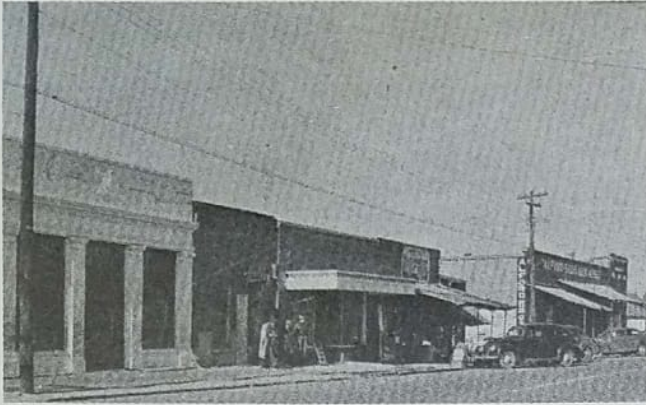
both were interrelated. In 1931, the citizens of Campbell County, along with those of Milton County, had approved a merger with Fulton County as part of the state's "Bigger and Better Counties" program. In December of 1931, Palmetto's town council officially dissolved its independent school system and board of education, facilitating the merger with the county system. Then at midnight on January 1, 1932, Palmetto became a part of Fulton County; and Campbell County, the mother county for eighty-five years, ceased to exist — ceased to exist in a legal sense, certainly, but always to survive in its historic value.

After successfully withstanding the effects of the Depression, Palmetto undertook a major project of installing a public waterworks system. Spearheading this endeavor was Mayor Joseph A. Dennis, who had made a campaign promise to provide an adequate water supply for all residents of the town. By passing a bond issue on a vote of 150 to 7 and by receiving a government loan for \$49,000 in 1935, Mayor Dennis was in the waterworks business. A plant was built west of town near Hutcheson Ferry Road, pipe was laid to service all major streets, and a watertower was erected on a lot adjoining Palmetto Baptist Church. By April 1936 the work was completed, and Mr. J. F. Bailey was appointed as superintendent of the waterworks system at a salary of \$65.00 per month.

When World War II came, Palmetto's young men were called and assigned to installations throughout the world. Upon returning, the veterans, eager to re-establish themselves, and townspeople, eager to be free of the years of sacrificing for the war effort, joined in a concerted effort to make Palmetto a finer "home" that it had ever been. Aided by GI incentives, veterans began building new houses, establishing new businesses, and supporting efforts to improve local services.

First on the agenda was the completion of the Palmetto Community Center in 1945. Conveniently located on Main Street, it was built with town and county funds at a cost of \$70,000. The center provided residents with an auditorium and stage, a fully equipped kitchen, a branch of the Carnegie Library, and a health center staffed by a full-time nurse.

Additional facilities for entertainment and athletics were not neglected. In 1947 the Palmetto Theater was built, and, although it was short-lived, it provided its patrons with cool air, cushioned seats, and constant enjoyment. Also during this time, a tract of land was purchased by the town to serve as a baseball field; later a \$200-grandstand was added. Construction having begun the previous fall, a new gymnasium was ready for use by January 1949. The new provisions for sports activities led to the formation of an Athletic



Part of Palmetto's business district in the 1940's



Mill Supt. C.D. Morris, Mayor Frank Smith and Foreman A.H. Atkins view work on the Sewage System in 1949.



This is the Palmetto Health Clinic and community building. The city-operated kindergarten is presently in this building.



Club, baseball and basketball teams, and the employment of a children's playground director.

The new gymnasium was not limited to basketball, however; it was popular for community and family gatherings, square dances, and skating. Part of the building also housed new city hall offices.

The year 1949 was a special one for Palmetto, for in that year, spurred on by a contest sponsored by Georgia Power Company, the townspeople united their efforts toward the goal of making Palmetto a better, a cleaner, and a friendlier place in which to live. Under the leadership of Mayor Frank Smith, Garden Club President Mrs. E. B. Hutson and Better Home Town Club President Charles Dean, the objective was achieved. New furnishings and shrubbery were added to the Community Center. Businessmen modernized the fronts of their stores by removing the old wooden and tin awnings. Home owners "spruced up" with paint and landscaping. Wayside Park received new signs and benches, and Bullard's Park was reborn in the business district. The paving of Locke Street and sidewalks was completed. Palmetto Cotton Mill planted shrubbery and trees throughout its village. Water, electric, and telephone lines were extended to more homes, especially in the rural areas. That magical year 1949 was also a culmination of three years' effort to provide the town with a modern sewerage system costing \$125,000.

Although Palmetto did not win the Georgia Power contest, it unquestionably "won" — it won those physical structures enhancing a town's responsibility to its citizens, and it won a unity of purpose, perhaps best exemplified in the new city limit signs which bore the slogan "The Friendly City."

What remained for the future? A new post office in 1959. Relocation to Palmetto of Georgia Baptist Children's Home in 1960. A new high school in 1970. An increasing population count of 2045, almost double that of 1209 in 1950.

Consequently, Major Willis P. Menefee's vision of a cohesive and lasting community had been put to the test of time and had prevailed.

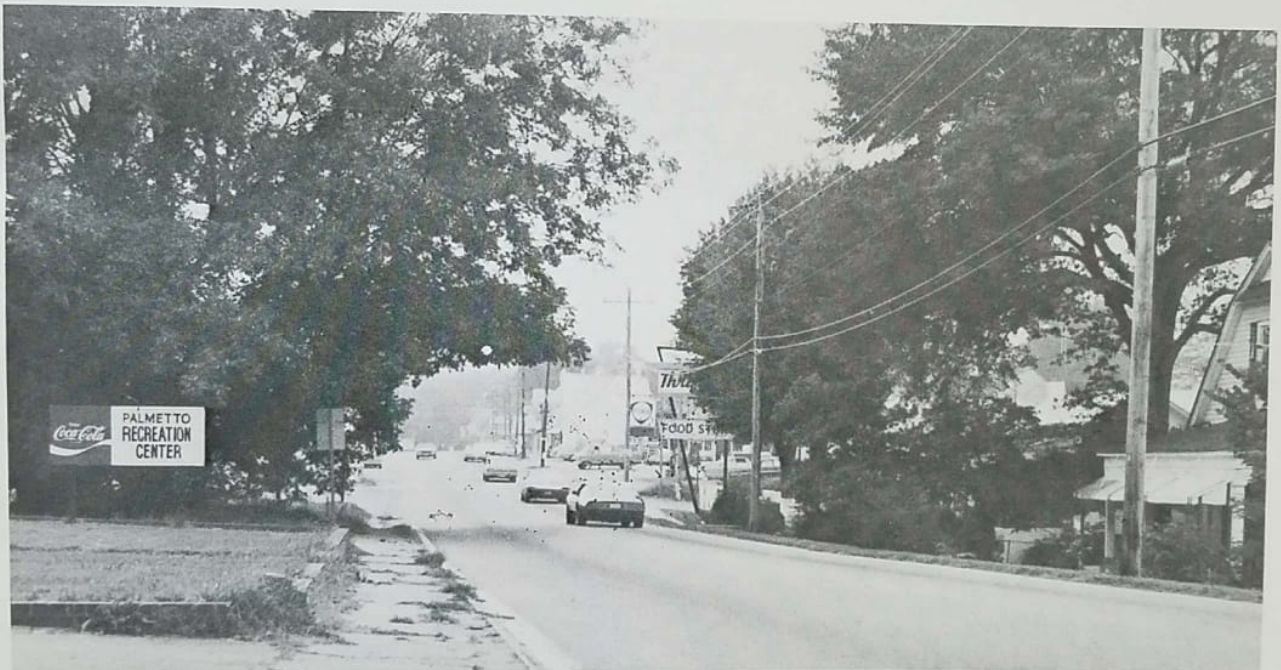


Wayside Park

Palmetto Today



The Palmetto Post Office.



This is the way main street appears today looking south from the Wayside Park.



Georgia Baptist Childrens Home



Palmetto High School is on Carlton Road.

Pictures by Tommy Harper

Goodes Community

A cheerful sign, four miles west of Palmetto, welcomes you to Goodes, Georgia (population one hundred sixty). Goodes, named for "Uncle" Billy Goode, a former resident, is located at the intersection of Hutcheson Ferry, Atlanta-Newnan, and Rico Roads. This close-knit family community has been strongly influenced by two local churches—New Hope Methodist, established 1843, and Sardis Baptist, established 1875.

Goodes Post Office was established April 2, 1884 with F.H. Reeves appointed postmaster. Dr. Will Astin was among the first R.F.D. carriers. He delivered Goodes mail from Palmetto with "Old Betsy" and his red buggy. Lester Gentry brought mail from 1922 to 1955. Harold Bomar, James Swanson, and Bob Richardson served until Bill Thompson was appointed in 1956.

Land was deeded by W.O. Keith in 1895 to Trustees of Goodes School: H.O. Weaver, Elisha Hearn, James P. Shell, Leonard Phillips, Richard Parker, and M.S. Carroll. The school consolidated with Palmetto, 1932.

This farming community had its own doctor (Watkins), school, two general stores, cotton gin, blacksmith shop, syrup mill, grist mill, and saw mills. The boll weevil changed most of this—people sought public work.

Good fellowship was maintained at parties, candy pulls, reunions, singings, spend-the-days, etc. The old telephone party line, privately built and operated, long before "Ma Bell" offered service to Goodes, was source of great satisfaction. The first radio in Goodes was brought to Mrs. Marshall Hopkins' home one Sunday afternoon. She went to that party-line telephone and invited neighbors to her home to see and hear the radio—we went!

Electricity came to Goodes in 1939. Hard-surface roads (W.P.A. labor) in 1941.

Submitted by Ruth Barnes and Nellie Keith



The dress that Mrs. Richardson wears, the dress she is sewing, and the dress five year old Tom holds were all made from feed sack cloth.

Shell Reunion

An event of great interest to the Goodes community is the Shell Reunion. It is an annual occasion which has been in existence for fifty-six years.

The Shell Reunion was started as a birthday tribute to James Parks Shell by his many children. Two of his younger children, Hattie Shell Eidson and Andrew Felton Shell, remember this celebration as an outstanding event in their childhood.

This occasion began with a basket dinner served on the grounds of the old Shell home. All of the Shell children and their families came home to visit and to celebrate with family and friends at this time. This celebration continued until the death of James P. Shell. His children did not want to discontinue this occasion, and since there were so many ancestors of his father-in-law, the Reverend Stephen Shell, they decided to continue to meet as a memorial to both James P. and the Reverend Stephen Shell.

On the last Sunday in July each year their relatives and friends meet and fellowship together; thus it has become a community affair. They still meet at the Shell home, which is occupied by the youngest son, Andrew F. Shell. He and his brother-in-law, Harold Eidson, along with a goodly number of the other relatives, prepared pork barbecue and brunswick stew there on the grounds to be served for the noon meal along with cakes and pies brought by the ladies.

Andrew has restored the large family home and enlarged the grounds to provide ample space for the large groups who attend. The attendance ranges from 200 to 350 people coming from many parts of Georgia and from various neighboring states.

Submitted by Hattie Shell Eidson

Rico Community

Neither Piney Woods nor Green Eyes impressed Washington in 1889 when application was made for a Post Office in our community; thus the name "Rico" was handed out. In the minds of the old timers, however, it will always be "Piney Woods."

The social life of the community centers in the two churches, Providence Baptist and Rico Methodist; the Civic Club; the County Line Homemakers Club; the Fire Department; and John Smith's Store. When John remodeled the store, he threw out the cracker barrels, but the sitters remained on coke cases, one chair, or just leaning around. Every few months the P.T.A., the Civic Club, or the Fire Department will give a fried chicken dinner to raise funds, and usually about six hundred or more people show up.

The buildings in the community are two churches, John Smith's Store, Roy Barnes' Store, the Elementary School and the old Masonic Hall, now being restored by the Civic Club as a community center. There are several old homes still being used by the original families, and there are large land tracts that have been handed down to descendants through the years. The new homes, however, are modern and are landscaped beautifully, with ponds or swimming pools.

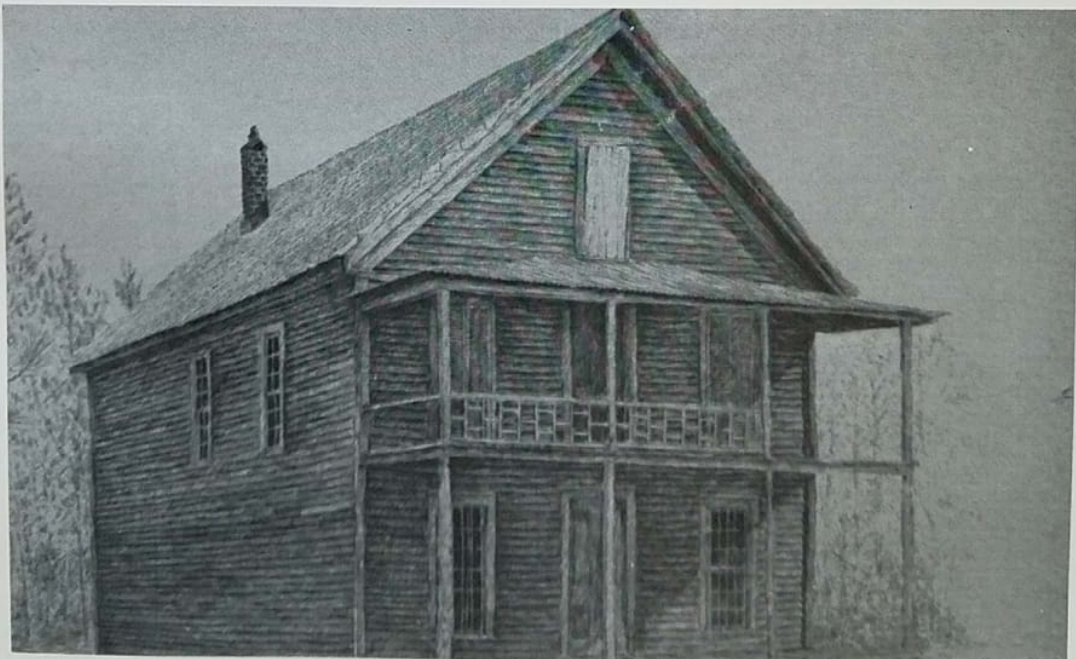
The most financially successful enterprise, considering time and money, has been the "Spook House" open three or four nights a year at Halloween. The Civic Club or the Fire Department builds the props of

ghosts, sound, and lighting effects and places them in the old Masonic Lodge along with a few live ghosts. People come from far and wide to go through the famous spook house, and lots of money is made for a good community cause.

In the early 1800's, when the first settlers came into Piney Woods following the treaty with Chief McIntosh, land sold for 10¢ and 25¢ per acre. Many Indians remained in the community and lived peacefully with their new neighbors until they were corralled for the Trail of Tears in 1836 to Oklahoma. Even now, mounds can be seen near Pea Creek, Bear Creek and Turkey Creek. Recently a "dig" was made on the Austin place near the Chattahoochee River at Pumpkintown and Phillips Ferries in an unsuccessful attempt to divert General Sherman from his attack on Atlanta.

Most of the people in the community work "in town" for the airlines, automobile assembly plants, steel industry, utilities and other corporations. Most have garden plots; they freeze and can the vegetables and fruits for winter use. The large tracts of land are used for timber, hay, corn, soy beans and to graze cattle, usually black angus or hereford. Some years ago, farmers raised laying hens, but now the only cash crops are blueberries, honey and flowers (one florist).

Submitted by Mable A. Mansfield



Rico Civic Club after restoration of old Masonic Lodge



Once Upon A Time

On the left is a map of the business district of Palmetto as it existed in 1901. By matching the numbers listed on the key below with the corresponding circled numbers on the map, one will return to the early twentieth century for a journey to that "once upon a time." Bon Voyage!

Submitted by Carole Harper and Stanley Bailey (with the assistance of Mr. Bud Holley)

1. Dr. Floyd Home
2. Owen Cochran Home
3. Palmetto Baptist Church
4. Mrs. Lina Duke Home
5. Methodist Church
6. W.H. Hall Home
7. Cheadle Cochran Home
8. Thomas Bullard Home
9. Daughters of Hardaway Smith Home
10. L.D. Bellaisle, Jeweler
11. B.W. Cochran, Sr. Home
12. V.H. Steed Vehicles
13. E.P. Thornton Dry Goods
14. Bullard and Son General Store
15. T.A. Goggins Vacant Building
16. T.A. Goggins Building
17. Mrs. Leda Swan's Millinery—Post Office Later
18. Walthall Morris Warehouse
19. Walthall Morris Warehouse and Grocery
20. Woodshop and Livery Stable
21. Tom Daniel General Store
22. Carriage Repository
23. W.C. Smith Blacksmith
24. Carriage Repository
25. Farmers Union Cotton Warehouse
26. Seed House
27. Johnston's Granite Warehouse
28. Bottling Soda Works
29. W.O. Keith Grocery
30. C.B. Moseley Co. and Furniture
31. Miss Fannie Langston's Millinery
32. Bank of Palmetto (Downstairs) Dr. T.P. Bullard (Upstairs) Telephone Exchange (Upstairs)
33. C.B. Moseley Hardware
34. C.B. Moseley Dry Goods
35. T.E. Culbreath Hardware
36. Dr. Ira Ellis Casper Wisper Smith's Drugstore
37. Miss Gena Smith's Millinery
38. Watkins Meat Market
39. Barber Shop
40. Masonic Hall No. 74
41. Walter Hudson Grocery
42. J.J. Cooper General Merchandise
43. T.A. Goggins Racket Store (variety)
44. C.B. Moseley's Casket Shop
45. T.W. Peppers Grocery and Meat
46. Mrs. Emma Headadden Home
47. Atlanta and West Point Depot
48. Atlanta and West Point Railroad
49. Atlanta and West Point Freight Depot
50. Dr. Hal Johnston Home
51. Mrs. Leda Swann Home
52. Swann Tenament House
53. Hutson Moss Home
54. Jim Hopkins Tenament House
55. Jim Hopkins Home
56. Langston Home
57. Presbyterian Church
58. Frank Hopkins Home
59. J.T. Beckman Home

C.B. Moseley's Dry Goods: Homer Shell, Ed Duke, Moseley Roan, Effie Parker



Below: J.F. Hutson's Grocery



Palmetto Cotton Mills, Inc.

The history of Palmetto Cotton Mills, Inc., has a vital place in the history of the town of Palmetto. Organized in 1893, the mill was fully operational by 1896. Initiators of the project were the dentists Dr. Hal Johnston and Dr. J. A. Carlton. Land was purchased from the Will Griffith estate, and a structure was built of the same material as the town's Granite Warehouse. Drs. Johnston and Carlton, after locating an inactive mill in South Carolina, bought all the equipment and had it shipped to Palmetto. Serving as first officers were J. A. Johnson, President; Mrs. E. A. Headden, Vice-President; J. A. Beckman, Secretary; H. P. Holleman, Treasurer; and O. S. Causey, Superintendent.

Following the traditional method of the time, the directors of the mill contracted to have houses built and rented to employees. The first land for a mill village was acquired when W. T. Sims exchanged property adjoining the mill for stock in the company. By the mid-1920's forty-three houses and a school building had been constructed.

Cotton suitable for use in the mill was purchased from growers in the home county, nearby counties, and from as far away as Arkansas. By 1900 the mill was producing \$75,000 worth of flat cotton duck per year.

Before electricity made its way to Palmetto, the mill used coal-fired boilers to generate steam power. The only known accident in the mill that resulted in tragedy was related to this means of producing power. On January 24, 1906, in the darkness of early morning, the explosion of one of the boilers caused the death of one man and did extensive damage to the building.



In 1906 Charles E. Riley purchased the controlling interest in the mill. After Riley's death, Harry Ather-ton was appointed by the Riley family to assume leadership as president and treasurer. Superintendents have been Fred R. Smith in the early 1900's; W. R. (Bob) Thomason from 1912 until his retirement in 1942; and Claude D. Morris from 1942 until his death in 1954.

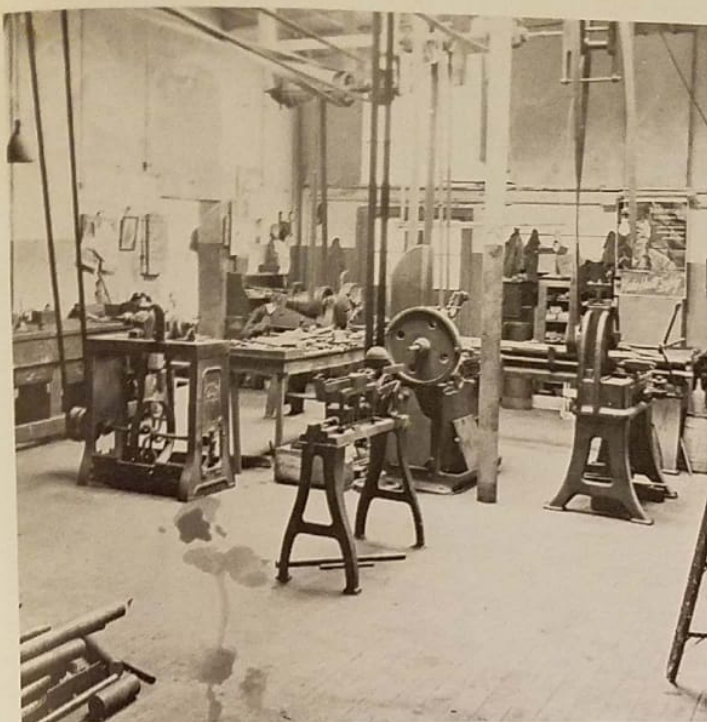
During World War II the mill was operating exclusively under government contract, for cotton duck was an important fabric in military products. The mill ran at its full capacity of three shifts, often six and seven days a week. In a special ceremony on October 20, 1943, the employees of the mill received the Army-Navy "E" Award in recognition of the exceptional performance of each individual employee in the production of war materials. Army Col. J. C. Longino stated to the assembled workers, "You have done everything possible to become the most efficient mill to manufacture goods for the armed forces in our country. Out of millions of yards of duck shipped from your plant, only seventy-four yards have been rejected. That, truly, is performance of the highest order." The "E" Flag was accepted on behalf of all employees by those with the longest continuous service record: Miss Elvie Harcourt, Mr. Garland Harcourt, Miss Viola Long, and Miss Cora Dennis.



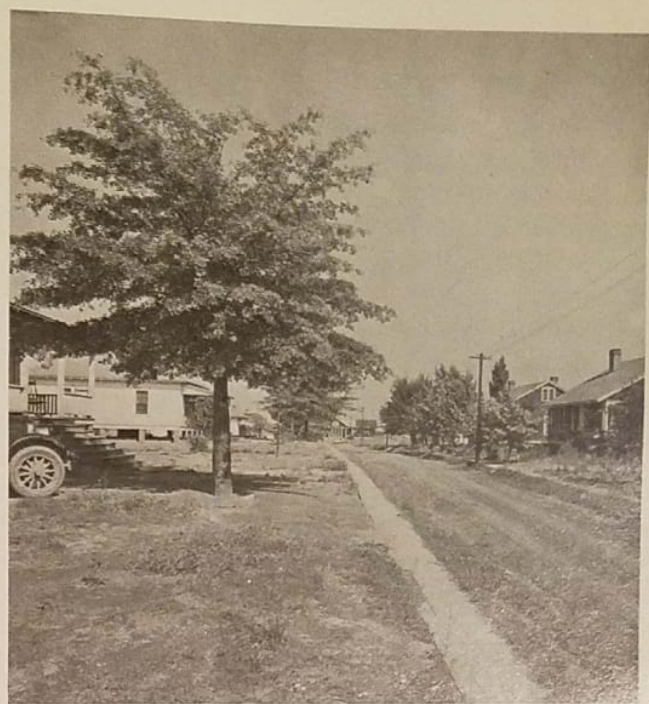
During the war years and those that followed, C. D. Morris added new equipment, extended floor space, installed air-conditioning, and bricked the exterior of the building. Superior competition from larger mills finally brought about decreased production until 1955 when the mill was sold to Linway Manufacturing Company.

One of the most memorable things about the mill was the daily sounding of a steam whistle at four o'clock in the morning. Audible to all residents in town and for considerable distance beyond, the Mill Whistle came to be regarded as either a blessing or a curse for those who worked the morning shift at the mill and for farmers who had to attend to chores. However the whistle was regarded, it was a symbol of the rightness of the world on another new day.

Submitted by Carole Harper and
Stanley Bailey



Machine Shop in the Cotton Mill



Cranford Street on the Mill Village



Palmetto Baseball Team in the mid-1930's
Seated: B.T. Barronton; Bill Upchurch. Standing: Durward Blair, Wyatt Rodgers, Ray Lassetter, Roy Rodgers, unknown, Alton Bowie, Posey Haynes, Stacy Milam

The Day the Bank was Robbed

Yes, Palmetto experienced a bank robbery — pulled off in broad daylight a la Jesse James. Since surviving records and recorders present contradictory facts, this recounting itself may prove to be somewhat contradictory (if not unbelievable). Nevertheless, after fourteen years of peaceful transactions at the Farmers Bank, president Ballard Hudson found himself staring at the barrel of a machine gun OR at an automatic pistol shortly before ten o'clock on the morning of August 22, 1934. Whether there were three or two robbers is not clear; whether two or one entered the bank is likewise not clear. However many it may have been, Mr. Hudson and cashier Claude Astin were ordered to lie on the floor. The robber/robbers scooped up all the available cash, placing it into bags (not specifically described), and departed by the back door (generally accepted fact).

Meanwhile, local merchant Moseley Roan had observed the criminals in action and, shotgun in hand, had stationed himself in a second-story window of the building across the street from the bank OR in the post office on the ground floor. Citizen Roan had also spread the word to other civic-minded merchants and/or patrons (varying according to one's choice of sources).

When the robber/robbers exited the bank, they met "withering gunfire" from an armed citizenry (newspaper reporter's account) OR Roan's shotgun fire (discriminating observer's account). One robber, wounded in the head, fell to the ground and scattered his loot (ALL accounts agree on this point). The wounded man was helped into the waiting, motor-running getaway car, a green Plymouth sedan (unimpeachable sources). As the robbers were scrambling on the street and entering their vehicle, more and more merchants/patrons/citizens/policemen (they were on to it by this time) were firing in the general direction of movement, but no further injuries were sustained (not reported, in any event). The bandits were, of course, firing retaliatory shots, and the machine-gun wielder sprayed the side of the post office building, one bullet severing the telephone line of operator Evelyn Smith. The bullet marks remain on the building (check it out for yourself).

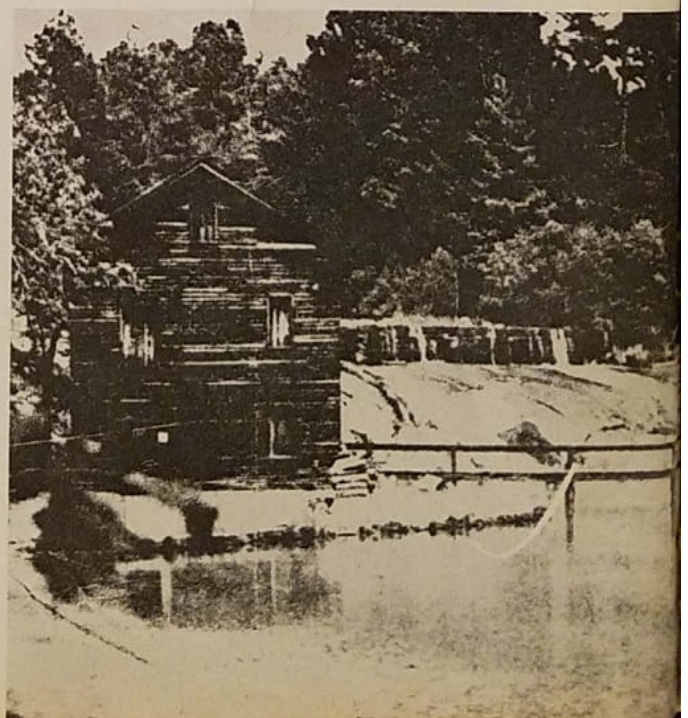
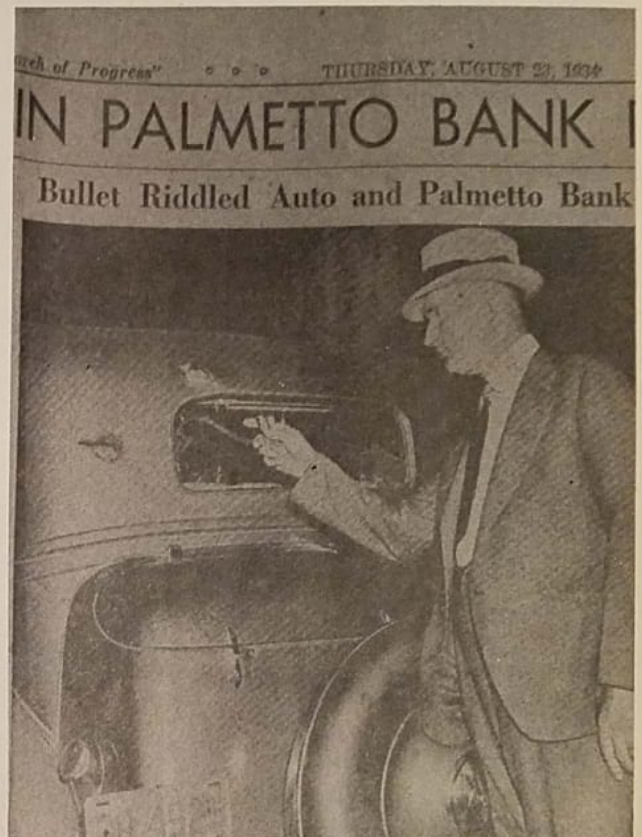
As the Plymouth sped out of town, a disinterested observer must have thought it was the gunfight at OK Corral, what with exchanges of fire from citizens in considerable numbers (varying according to one's choice of sources) and the escaping perpetrators. Mr. A. P. Condor (we are asked to believe) fired a shot that shattered the rear glass of the car.

The bank's loss was \$390 or \$400 or about \$700 (varying according to, etc.). A portion was left behind when the injured man fell; this was returned to the

bank by helpful citizens (all the earmarks of the truth).

The bullet-riddled green sedan was abandoned (news photo verification). At last report, the robbers were headed toward the Chattahoochee River (county police suspicion). No reward has been posted (at last report).

Submitted by Stanley Bailey



Electricity Comes to Palmetto

In 1909 Berry W. Cochran Jr. introduced the residents of Palmetto to their first usable electricity. Mr. Berry installed a 50-kilowatt generator in his gristmill on Big Bear Creek, ran wires to Palmetto and the lights came on. The creator of this miracle explained: "There were no appliances in those days. All the people wanted was lights, so the generator only ran at night. The water power was available during the day for milling." The decision to begin the process was prompted by the decreasing demand for grinding meal and flour and by an increasing interest in electricity as a new source of power.

The mill at Bear Creek had been in the Cochran family for three generations. Mr. Berry's grandfather, Cheadle Cochran, settled in the area in the late 1820's and built a mill on Little Bear Creek. In 1870 Berry Cochran Sr. built a new mill on Big Bear Creek about a mile from the original site. This was a natural location, since the creek cascades about thirty feet down a steep granite face. Several years later he erected a five-foot-high dam across the ledge. The three-story mill was constructed of hand-hewn beams and tongue-and-grooved boards ten inches wide and was equipped with sets of stones to grind various grains.

Mr. Berry Jr. continued to operate his "light plant" until 1918 when Georgia Power Company brought its lines through. After merging his facilities with those of the power company, Mr. Berry contracted to supply the town of Palmetto with sufficient electricity to satisfy the demands of Palmetto Cotton Mill and businesses as well as private homes. This arrangement continued until Mr. Berry leased the entire operation to the town in 1923, granting it an option to buy for \$5700.00.

Submitted by Carole Harper
and Stanley Bailey



The Palmetto Guards

When the Civil War began, the men of Palmetto, anxious to do their part, organized the Palmetto Guards, which was activated on June 11, 1861, as Company C of the 2d Regiment, Georgia State Troops. The Palmetto Guards and units from Fulton, Coweta, Heard, Carroll, Henry, Paulding, and Bartow Counties became the 19th Regiment of the Georgia Infantry and were attached to the Army of Tennessee as part of Colquitt's Brigade, Hoke's Division, and Anderson's Corps. The muster roll of the Palmetto Guards is given in the ROSTER OF THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS OF GEORGIA as compiled by Lillian Hender-

OFFICERS/STAFF:

Beall, James J./Capt
Johnson, William H./1Lt
Richardson, John A./2Lt
Hogan, Ridgeway B./2Lt
Stith, D. B./1Sgt
Cranford, George E./2Sgt
Mobley, Jethro A./3Sgt
Johnson, Richard A./4Sgt
Bullard, William M./1Cpl
Miller, R./2Cpl
Bond, R. R./3Cpl
Bond, W. D./4Cpl

ENLISTED MEN

Bailey, E. H.
Bailey, J. F.
Batney, G.
Bland, W. H.
Bond, A. J.
Burton, S. H.
Camp, James
Candler, C. C.
Carlton, J. K. P.
Clark, S. B.
Davenport, C.
Edwards, John M.
Eskew, B. F.
Eskew, Daniel W.
Floyd, L. F.
Griffith, A. J., Jr.
Griffith, A. J., Sr.
Griffith, J. M.
Harding, J.
Harding, J. V.
Harding, Thomas
Hartley, David H.
Hayes, James
Herald, George P.
Hollis, S. P.
Hopkins, Thomas W.
Hughes, B. F.
Johnson, John A.
Jones, J. J.
Jones, R.
Jones, W. H.

King, J. M.
King, T.
Leatherwood, J. F.
Leatherwood, Peter M.
Little, Harvey J.
Lokey, Benjamin R. B.
Long, Samuel W.
Love, Martin C.
Mayfield, T. J.
McKerley, T. A.
McMillan, J. J.
Miller, John
Morris, J. C.
Nixon, Joseph J.
Owens, H. A.
Patman, W. C.
Pierce, F. M.
Powell, H. J.
Pritchard, B. W.
Pruett, George W.
Pruett, J. W.
Rainey, R. E.
Rainey, T. F.
Rainwater, G. W.
Randall, C. W.
Renfrow, A. W.
Renfrow, John M.
Smith, A. B.
Smith, A. M.
Smith, N. F.
Smith, W. T.
Sparks, G. B.
Sparks, M.
Stephens, Caleb W.
Stephens, John T.
Strong, James M.
Tatum, R. P.
Tatum, William D.
Watkins, John H.
Watts, T. B.
Weaver, J. T.
Wilkerson, B. F.
Willingham, S. A.
Winkle, F.
Yancey, R. M.

Submitted by Stanley Bailey

POSTMASTERS

John H. Johnson
Seaborn B. Watts
Wilson P. Jones
James C. Mixon
Osborn Spence
Gabriel L. Jones
William H. Abbot
James C. Smith
L.H. Griffith
Thaddeus D. Watkins
Mary G. Bunch
J.C.C. Carlton
Hudson Moss
Lacy F. Griffith
Hudson Moss
Reuben C. Rhodes
Hudson Moss
Emma Stith
Mrs. Leila M. Swann
Charles Jackson
William H. Astin
Mrs. Annette S. Johnson

Eli B. Cotton

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner
Mrs. Clara J. Bentley

APPOINTMENT DATES

THROUGH SEPT. 30, 1971

May 8, 1833
December 8, 1847
January 29, 1850
June 19, 1851
December 10, 1852
October 27, 1853
July 12, 1854
December 9, 1857
October 26, 1865
January 25, 1866
April 19, 1866
October 6, 1873
October 31, 1881
August 24, 1883
June 16, 1884
October 27, 1885
December 14, 1889
April 18, 1893
April 20, 1897
May 29, 1913
January 17, 1922
June 11, 1936 (acting)
July 1, 1936 (assumed charge)
August 19, 1937 (confirmed)
September 18, 1937 (assumed Charge)
September 30, 1953 (assumed Charge)
October 31, 1953 (assumed Charge)
December 7, 1953 (acting)
May 17, 1957 (confirmed)

Submitted by Carole Harper

Mayors of Palmetto 1930-1979

Thomas P. Bullard: 1930-1934
Joseph A. Dennis: 1935-1936
Thomas E. Arnold: 1937-1939
Thomas P. Bullard: 1940-1942
Thomas B. Harper: 1943
Irvin T. Bentley: 1944-1945
Frank Smith: 1946-1955
Robert Steed: 1956-1969
L. Broadus Bradley: 1970-1971
James T. Bullard: 1972-1973
Murray D. Bradley: 1974-1975
James A. Bentley: 1976-1977
L. Broadus Bradley: 1978-1979

Submitted by Carole Cravey



As was the custom around 1941, women, out of necessity, combined their household chores with their social life. These women were photographed displaying a quilt that had been quilted. Sometimes three or four quilts would be quilted at a quilting party. These women are shown on the front porch of Mrs. Mattie Robinson. They are left to right: Mrs. Mattie Robinson, Mrs. Cath Jackson, Mrs. Siddie Keith, Mrs. Tom Shell, Mrs. Hattie Robinson, and Mrs. Susan Seymour.



The Story of the Coverlets

Friday, January 14, 1938
Palmetto, Georgia

Dear Sara,

A long time ago, on June 16, 1867, to be exact, a little boy made his appearance on this "Old Ball of Mud."

He didn't come of his own accord; therefore he is not responsible for being here, but he was the Idol of his Grandparents' hearts. So, they took him in tow and spoiled him to begin with.

This little boy was very fond of the dumb animals, and among other things, his "Pop" gave him two little lambs. The bad boy named them Bill and Mary. In a few years Bill and Mary had a family of their own which numbered seven, including Bill and Mary.

The little boy sheared the wool from his flock until he had saved more than 50 pounds. He also took out all of the cockle-burrs and other foreign matter from the wool and washed it. Along with "Pop" and "Bram," in the old Buck-board buggy, he took it to Hardys carding mill in Coweta County, about 6 miles south-east of Newnan, Ga. There they made it into "rolls" a bit larger than a pencil, or about 5/16 of an inch in diameter.

Mother and "Bram" spun the rolls into thread, as well as the cotton rolls they had carded from the raw cotton (at home) with common cotton cards, done by hand.

When the cotton and wool was spun into thread, I suppose there was 75 pounds or more, it was ready to be woven. This was the Summer of 1874 or 75.

"Bram" took it all (including me) to the Misses Powells who lived at Powells Station, which is now Madras, Georgia. The Misses Powells were expert weavers. In 3 or 4 months they had the 6 or 8 coverlets ready for us. I don't remember what the weaving cost.

Whenever you look at these coverlets remember that Sara Ann Cole Astin, "Bram" (your Great Grandmother) and Mary Frances Hudson Astin (your Grandmother) prepared from the raw cotton and wool the material that is woven into them. The work was all done by hand, and Mother spun the most of the yarns on the wheel that is now in the living room. This was her own wheel, which was also made by

hand in Uncle Tom Barns' shop at Newnan, Ga. All the carving on this wheel was done with a foot power lathe nearly 100 years ago.

Dad

This letter was written to Sara Astin Davis by her father, Dr. William H. Astin, so she would have the history of the coverlets.

The picture above was made recently in the living room of the Dr. Will Astin home where Frances (Billie) Astin Sims (his other daughter) now resides. It shows two of the coverlets, one belonging to her, the other to Sara Astin Davis. In the picture also is the spinning wheel on which the yarns were spun for the making of these coverlets.

Submitted by Frances (Billie) Astin Sims

William H. and Myrtie G. Astin

Dr. William H. Astin was reared and educated by his Grandparents. He graduated with honors from medical college but did not enjoy practicing medicine. At age twenty-four, while he was working in C. B. Moseley's store in Palmetto, Mr. Daniel Wiley Gentry came in to shop and announced that he had a new baby girl at his home. In jest, Dr. Will said, "May I have her when she is sixteen years old?" After an affirmative answer, the two men had a good laugh.

A number of years later Dr. Will met Myrtie Gentry. At this time he was delivering mail by horse and buggy, and the Gentry's were on his route. He began leaving notes in the mail box to Myrtie and meeting her at square dances. On Sunday, January 17, 1909, Myrtie Gentry and Dr. Will Astin eloped. They were married by Mr. Walthall Morris, who was Justice of the Peace in Palmetto.

They were active members of Ramah Baptist church where he taught a Sunday school class for about fifty-two years. He was an active and devoted Mason. Miss Myrtie and his older daughter, Sara, often helped him in the Post Office during his fifteen years as Post Master in Palmetto.

Submitted by Frances (Billie) Astin Sims



A.

Known as the Captain Jackson Home, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hutson are photographed in front of house in 1944. The house was located on Main Street and is no longer standing.

B.

This house was built in the early 1860's by the father of Dr. J.A. Carlton. During the Civil War grain was stored in the huge columns through holes up near the top from the second floor. Then the family silver was placed on top. The Carlton family owned this home for over 100 years.

C.

George Redding Sims homeplace. It is still occupied—located on Fayetteville Road, Palmetto. Taken in 1943.

D.

From 1861 to 1947 this home was in the Lacy Griffith family and was called Oak Lawn by Miss Ella, a niece of Mr. Griffith. At the beginning of the Civil War, Mr. Griffith ran a post office at the same time that he operated Griffith's Tavern in the house. During the War, Confederate soldiers were billeted there.

E.

This house on Main Street was built in 1885. Commonly referred to as the "Condor House", it is now being restored by John and Berenda Joiner, the owners.

F.

This was the old Nathaniel Harrison home at Pumpkintown on the Chattahoochee River. The house was built about 1846-47 and it burned in the early 1920's. Nathaniel Harrison had two daughters. His oldest daughter Sara Smith married Levi Ballard and his youngest daughter Jane Margaret married Owen H. Cochran.

G.

The Ballard home was built in 1867 and was a copy of the house Mrs. Ballard grew up in. She was the daughter of National Harrison. A stagecoach stop was on this property, called Watts Station, and this building was torn down and moved to Cobb Street before Levi Ballard built his nine room colonial home.

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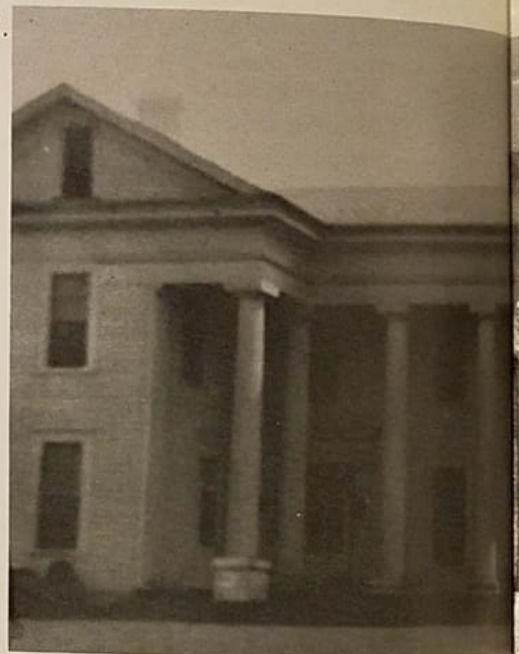
Presently the home of Mrs. Tarpley Turner, this house was originally built by a Mr. Harris and later sold to the William Thomas Sims family.

Submitted by Mary Harrelson

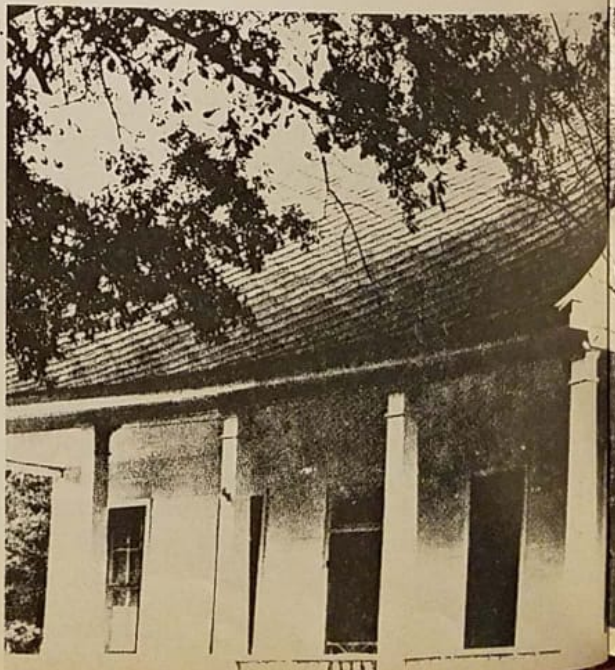
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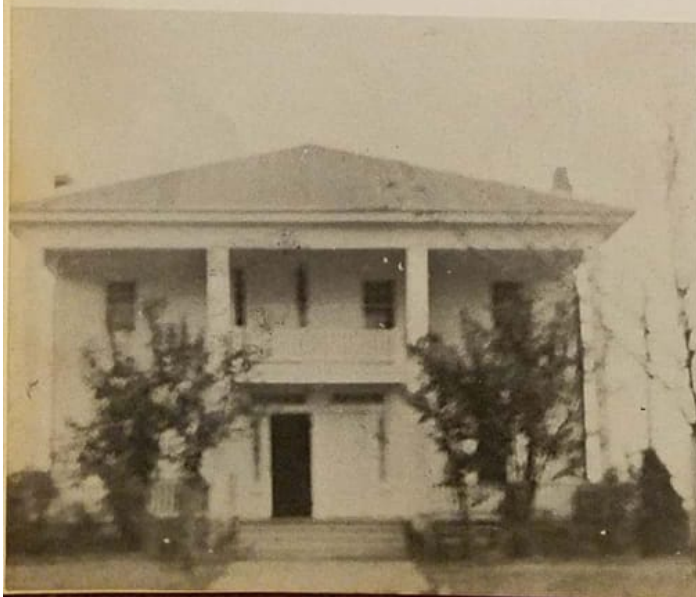
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Interesting Facts About the George Redding Sims Home

It is not known how George Redding Sims and his wife Mary Elizabeth decided upon the site on which to build their home near Palmetto, but it is reasonable to assume that they did not know about the size of the granite boulder which existed only a few feet beneath the surface of the earth in that location.

Having begun the digging of a well for their water supply, they quickly discovered the granite. To continue the excavation through the granite would require the use of blasting powder and the services of one who knew how to use it. An Irishman from Atlanta was employed for this purpose. Then began the work of drilling holes in the rock, lowering the Irishman into the well to set the charge, pouring live coals into the well to ignite the powder, the lowering of slaves into the well to remove the rock. This process became slower and more dangerous as the hole became deeper, but they were determined to find water. When they reached a depth of 120 feet, disaster befell them. The Irishman had set the charge and was being removed from the hole in a large bucket, when in some strange and unexplainable way the coals were spilled

into the well; the Irishman fell from the bucket and was blown to bits when the powder charge exploded. All digging ceased and the dry hole was ever thereafter to be a cistern. During the winter months, water from the housetop was directed into the cistern by a system of guttering and was used for the year. On a hot August day in 1938 the writer enjoyed a cold drink of water from this cistern.

An unusual feature of this two-and-one-half story colonial home has been lost in its modernization by subsequent owners. The narrow and obscure stairway which connected the upstairs bedroom of the daughters to the downstairs bedroom of their parents was the only access to that upstairs room.

A less unusual but interesting feature was the portion of the house set aside for the school room in which children of the Sims family and those of their neighbors were instructed by a governess. Florence Devine, who married the youngest son of the family, attended this school.

Submitted by William J. Sims, Jr.

Palmetto Fire Department Woman's Auxiliary

In 1970 Palmetto Fire Department Woman's Auxiliary was organized. There were twelve charter members that met at Palmetto City Hall once a month. During the following months we added about eighteen active members. Our service for the department was to raise monies for items like protective clothing, F. M. Receiving Units, and a Hydraulic Jack. When the Fire Department purchased their second ambulance, the auxiliary contributed five hundred dollars. The means of raising this money was by rummage, bake, Christmas Card, and Stanley sales. We always served at the annual Steak Supper held in February for the community. The women would serve sandwiches and coffee at the larger fires. The auxiliary dissolved in November of 1978.



Submitted by Jan Smith

CAN YOU FIND JERRY HUBBARD REED?



Students photographed at Riley School in 1946. First row, left to right: Sara Ann Robinson Alford, Laverne Rodgers Phillips, June Juanita Ray, Francis Ramsey, Josephine Wilson, Jean Morgan, Gladys Richardson James, Pat Jenkins Barnes, Carole Harper. Second row: unknown, Gene Cotton, Eddie Garrett, Eugene Carter, unknown. Third row: Teacher, Mildred Wingo, Howard Hunt, Billy Shell, Jerry Hubbard Reed, Billy Duncan, Harvey Melear, Joyce Braswell, Joyce Bradley, Betty Bates Roberts, Evelyn Oliver. Fourth row: Ned Peek, Roger Bonner, Bud Roberts, Louis Collinsworth, Ronnie Turner, Harry Deal, Barbara Harcourt, JoAnn Farr Smith, Joyce Mobley. Fifth Row: Kenneth Bryant, William Hyatt, Donald Lee, Gene Shaw, Albert Pitts, Louie Barge, Patsy Dowdy, Irene Dingler, Patsy Barnes, Virginia Jones, Marian Langley and teacher, Clarice Kearns. Back: Jerry Boynton, unknown and Jack Wilson

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BLACKSMITH
IN ACCOUNT WITH
Palmetto, Ga. July 1912

B. W. COCHRAN
OPERATING PALMETTO LIGHT PLANT
IN ACCOUNT WITH
Palmetto, Ga. July 1912

A. P. CONDO
ALL KINDS OF AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS
AND ACCESSORIES
STATION
Palmetto, Ga. July 1912

J. F. HUTSON
CORRECT SHOEING
AND VULCANIZING
GENERAL REPAIRS

BULLARD & SON
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L. S. Gentry
GENERAL BLACKSMITH
IN ACCOUNT WITH
Palmetto, Ga. July 1912

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Shinery, Blacksmith Coal

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Dealers in Fertilizer

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Dealers in
General Merchandise

Bought of I. E. C. W. SMITH
DRUGGIST

PALMETTO MARKET
IN ACCOUNT WITH
Palmetto, Ga. July 1912

JIM CARROLL
General Blacksmith
Palmetto, Ga. Nov

HUTCHESON & MOSELEY
Bought of
Palmetto, Ga. Nov

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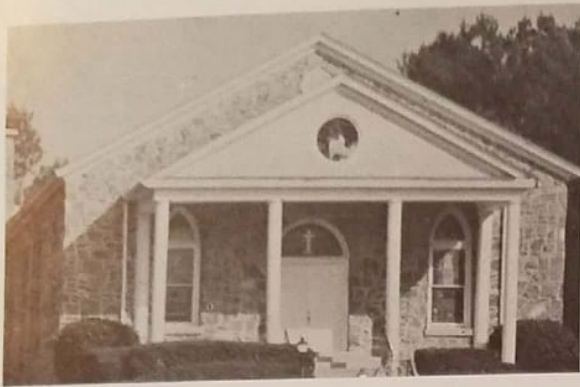
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Friendship Missionary Baptist Church



Friendship Baptist Church is located in South Fulton County, formerly Campbell County, on Cochran Mill Road, six miles northeast of Palmetto, and nine miles west of Fairburn, Georgia. It is a member of the Fairburn Missionary Baptist Association.

The church was organized in 1877, with the Reverend J. M. Key as the first pastor, and thirteen charter members as follows: Mrs. Sarah Boggs; Mr. David Hataway; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chastain; Mr. and Mrs. L.N.B. Cook; Mrs. Stevie (Docia Kidd) Garrett; Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hataway; Mrs. William (Betty Kidd) Nix; Mr. and Mrs. B.A.J. Smith; Mr. L. M. Teal.

The first church services were held in the school house. In 1880 the first white frame church building was constructed. The present granite church building was under construction from 1940 to 1942.

The present building was used for the first time on August 16, 1942, and was dedicated with much pride

Hammond Missionary Baptist Church

On June 14, 1976, nineteen members met at the home of Brother Isaac Sumlin to decide where to hold worship services. Brother Sumlin let the group use his home. Coming from a split congregation, the members asked the Reverend R.L. Ridley to be their pastor and leader. They worshiped at Brother Sumlin's home until July 10, 1976. Then they began holding their worship services at the Concheta A. Carter Day Care Center. After a few months God blessed them with a building at 507 Park Street. They moved in and began worshipping there November 28, 1976. The Reverend T.W. Hobbs organized them in Order as the Ramah Baptist Church Number Two on January 5, 1977.

They held their worship services in this building until the membership of 108 decided to build a place for worship. Bethsadia Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, and Harris Chapel Methodist Church opened their doors for the group to hold their worship services while preparing to build. Their faithful deacons began looking for a lot to purchase and found a very sa-

cred spot of land located on 211 Beckman Street. This lot is sacred to the church because on that very spot the late Reverend J.S. Hammonds moved into a house that stood there in the year 1947. He decided to move to Palmetto from Atlanta to be near his members and the Church which he pastored fifty-two years until God called him away.

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on Homecoming Sunday, August 20, 1944. Dedication messages were delivered by the Honorable Gainer E. Bryan, State Secretary of the Georgia Baptist Training Union; Dr. M. D. Collins, Pastor, and State Superintendent of Schools; The Reverend H. C. Hodges, Co-Pastor; Mrs. H. H. Cook, Sunday School Teacher, and Superintendent of the Woman's Missionary Union, Fairburn Baptist Association.

Over the years the church has been remodeled. In the early fifties the porch with columns, elevated steps, and a rose window were added. By November, 1965, restrooms, a fellowship hall, and a kitchen were completed. The one hundredth anniversary of the church was celebrated on Homecoming Day, August 21, 1977; a note-burning ceremony was held signifying that the church was debt free. Since that date, a central heating and air conditioning unit has been installed.

The beauty of the auditorium is enhanced by the natural granite walls and the stained glass memorial windows. Old pews, although not the original, are still used.

The church has had thirty-four pastors, with the Reverend H. W. (Buddy) Waldron as present pastor. The present membership of the church is 250. Active deacons are Fred Driver, W. C. Hall, Charles Miller, Bob Ray, Tommy Thompson, William Thompson, Jimmy Turner, and Joel Neely.

The spiritual needs of the community have been served by Friendship Church since 1877, and, by God's grace, the ministry of this church will continue until Christ's return.

Submitted by Mrs. Gwen Thompson



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Our church is located on 211 Beckman Street and is named the J.S. Hammonds Baptist Church. This name was suggested by the Reverend Ridley. Members are

Mount Pleasant African Methodist Episcopal Church

On February 18, 1870, the property at 217 Fayetteville Road was purchased from T. A. Menefee and became the new location of the Mount Pleasant AME Church. The present building is the third structure to sit here. In November of 1971 the membership moved into the structure it now occupies.

From a meager beginning at the corner of Ray Street and Fayetteville Road, where it was known as the African Church, it has developed into a modern structure today.

Over the past 109 years the church has had many pastors. Twice during its long history it was honored to have one of her own as pastor, the Reverend W. F. Slaughter.

For forty of her years Clyde E. Smith served as Sunday School Superintendent. Others who served in this office were J. W. Thurman, Dallas Richardson, Jake Hartsfield, and Taylor Jackson.

New Hope Methodist Church taken in 1977.



Palmetto Baptist Church History

In 1881 thirty-five members of the Ramah Baptist Church withdrew and organized the Palmetto Baptist Church. Services were held once a month with the Reverend George W. Colquitt as pastor.

A building fund was started and on the fifth Sunday in August, 1884, the church on Toombs Street was dedicated, Dr. W.B. Whorton, editor of the Christian Index, preaching the sermon.

At this time, the Sunday School was organized and later the weekly prayer meeting.

Also in 1884 the church joined the Fairburn Association, and in 1914 a Woman's Missionary Society was organized with Mrs. A.N. Brittain as its first president.

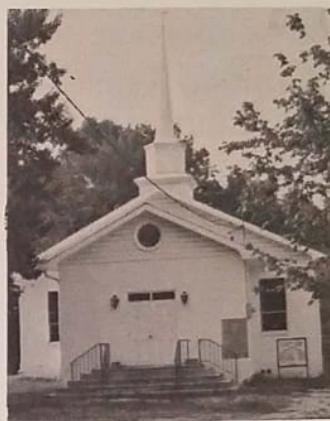
In 1933 a new church was built on Center Street.

planning to go into the building August 12, 1979. Thank God for the contractor; Mr. Melvin Lowery of Villa Rica, Georgia, for making this possible. Thank God! Thank God!

Submitted by Amy Sumlin

Some of the officers over the past 109 years were Daniel Virgal, John W. Thurman, Taylor Jackson, Tommy Henry, W. M. Henry, Dallas Richardson, George Slaughter, Spencer Slaughter, Sterling Brooks, Clyde E. Smith, Frank McFarlin, Ben McFarlin, John McFarlin, Nelson Henry, and Robert Woodard.

Submitted by James W. Smith



Sunday School rooms were added later.

In following years, the addition of dining-kitchen area, choir loft and nursery were great assets to the fellowship of a growing congregation. In 1973 the building was enlarged with a vestibule and balcony, the outside was bricked and a beautiful steeple was added.

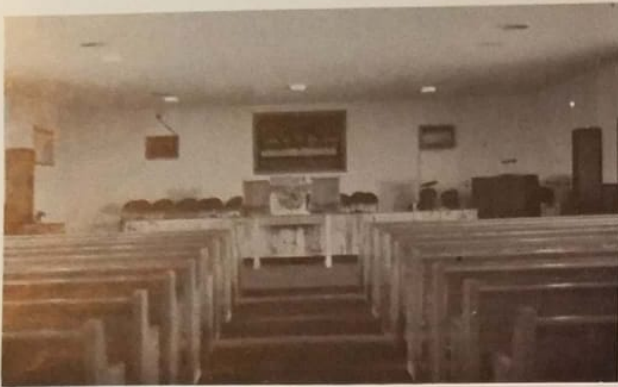
The church has grown to 300 resident members and 180 non-resident members. Among the many activities enjoyed are trips in the church Greyhound Bus. The pastor, Tom Daugherty, and his family also take part in the town activities, and this participation endears them to all.

Submitted by Alice Kearns and Louise Hamill



1884 Palmetto Baptist Church on Toombs Street.

Palmetto Church of God



The Palmetto Church of God was organized in October of 1965 in a tent on Cobb Street in Palmetto by the Reverend L. O. Prosser and the Reverend Elmer Golden, with the Reverend James E. Harper as pastor. The church began with only eight members. The first building the church occupied was the brick doctor's building at the corner of Park Avenue and Highway 29. Services were held there until 1970, when the congregation sold that building and bought land on Smith Road in Coweta County. The church there is a nice block building with four Sunday School rooms and a Pastor's study. There are now sixty-five members. The Reverend Harper pastored the church until October of 1978. The Reverend James R. Daniel is now the pastor.

Submitted by Lois M. Harper

History of Palmetto United Methodist Church

In May of 1851 church services were moved to Palmetto from Jones Camp Ground and held in Skeen's Hall. Later that year the church services were changed to the school house.

On June 9, 1851, Willis P. Menefee deeded a one and one-half acre lot to the Church Trustees, and in 1852 a neat wooded building was erected on the ground where the present brick building stands. Services were held there several years, but when the building became unsafe, services were held in the school academy, and then in the Rainey House.

A brick building was completed in 1872 on the original one and one-half acres. This brick church was dedicated by Bishop Wightman.

During a church service in 1886, a collection for church repairs was taken in the amount of \$1100. In 1901 money was raised for building the vestibule and towers. During that year a lot was bought for the parsonage.

In May of 1878 the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in Atlanta. While attending this conference, Mrs. Rosa Brockman of Palmetto Methodist Church became interested in the Foreign Missionary Society and a few years later became a missionary and moved to Korea.

The Women's Society of Christian Service was or-

Providence Baptist Church History

Before attempting a history of Providence Church, it might be well as a matter of background to dip into the history of old Providence Church, from which this one sprang.

The first church was a one-room log building, erect-



ganized in 1940, and in 1944 the Wesleyan Service Guild had its first meeting.

During 1945-50 a Church School annex was erected and the entire church sanctuary was renovated.

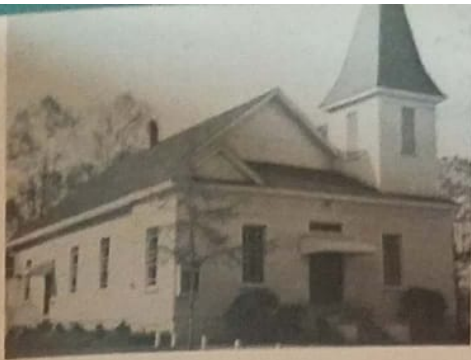
A conference was called during a church service in 1960 to vote on building a new parsonage in back of the church building on property that had been purchased. The parsonage was built and paid for in full June 17, 1961. In 1961 a one-room brick building was erected by the Men's Sunday School Class.

Two members of our church have become ministers: J. B. Hodges, Jr., and Earl F. Maeser, Jr.

Submitted by Eugene Steed

ed about half a mile from the site of the present church on Garrett's Ferry (now Kite) road toward the Chattahoochee river.

The old cemetery is near the church site, where the Ballards, Yateses, Lovelaces, Smiths, Barfields, Burans, Garretts, and others are buried. On one side of this burial ground the Negro slaves of these families, as the custom was at that time, are buried.



This first church was Primitive Baptist or Hardshell, and it is very interesting to read the old minutes which date well back before the War Between the States.

As the years went by, many of the members of this little church changed their Scriptural viewpoint and became Missionary Baptists at heart. They decided to procure a tract of land and build a Missionary Baptist Church. This they did, and in 1852 this Church where the members now worship was built on land deeded by Mrs. Buran, who lived at what was later the old Shannon place. The Church is situated nine miles west of Palmetto in Fulton, old Campbell County, in

Ramah Baptist Church

In the year 1826 Luther Rice, inspired by Adiel Sherwood's great revival preaching, which had resulted in thousands of conversions, came to the community now known as Palmetto. The Reverend Rice was traveling by horseback. A group of people of the Baptist faith met at the home of Larkin Dunn, one of the first settlers in this community, and under the leadership of Luther Rice, Ramah Baptist Church was constituted in 1828.

The first building was a log cabin which was also used as a school house and which was located near the large oak trees in the lower part of the cemetery near where the railroad is now. The second building was a wood frame building to the rear of the present building, which was constructed in 1906 of Stone Mountain granite.

Ramah is a charter member of the Western Association.

The Reverend James Rainwater was the first pastor and served for twenty-six years. He and his family are buried in the church cemetery. The land for the church and cemetery was donated by Robert Jackson.

Thomas Rice, P. M. Rice and J. C. Fry followed the Reverend Rainwater for short periods as pastor; then John S. Dodd became pastor and served for twenty-six years. During his ministry at Ramah and other churches, he baptized over three thousand people, including eleven of his children and twenty-four of his grandchildren. One of his grandsons, Jesse Mercer Dodd, became pastor in 1928 and served fourteen years.

the Rico Community. In later years, Jewett Shannon deeded one-half acre, and later another half acre, to be used as a cemetery for the Methodists and Baptists of the community.

This church was originally a one-room frame building, but later it was changed somewhat, a vestibule being added which was some years later converted into two Sunday School rooms. Three more Sunday School rooms were added during Dr. M. D. Collins' pastorate here. During the Reverend C. J. Mowell's pastorate more Sunday School rooms were added, the heating system was changed, and memorial windows were put in.

In 1962, during the pastorate of the Reverend Jimmy Flanders, a pastorium was built on land donated by Burnett Smith. In 1974 an educational building was added, and in 1978 the sanctuary was renovated. This was during the pastorate of the Reverend Searcy Jackson. The first Sunday School at Providence was organized in January of 1856.

Submitted by Mannie Clifford Reeves, Jr.

From 1874 to 1879 while, pastoring First Baptist Church in Atlanta, Dr. H. C. Hornaday came to Ramah on Sunday afternoons to preach. During his first revival at Ramah twenty-eight people were baptized.

In 1879 George W. Colquitt was called as pastor and served a few years. He left to pastor Palmetto Baptist Church, but returned to Ramah as pastor in 1883.

In 1884 J. H. Monday became pastor and in two years baptized forty-nine people.

In the year 1886 R. C. Rhodes, one of the best loved men ever to pastor Ramah, became pastor and served until 1912. It was under his leadership that the present building was erected in 1906. He planted the magnolia tree that stands in front of the sanctuary.

Ramah has been blessed by the great men God has sent to lead her, among them W. Lee Cutts, who came in a time of trouble in the church and it was said "just loved the brethren into peace."

Other great pastors were C. Lewis Fowler (1920-1922), J. C. Bunnell, J. M. Dodd, Alex Shores, Judson Jones, Roy Davis, F. C. Garrard, Jr., W. Ralph Bobo



(1958-1970), Larry Naylor (1971-1977) and our present pastor, Creig Kelly.

Ramah climaxed her 150th year with the traditional homecoming on the third Sunday in August and a week of revival following.

Dr. Lewis D. Newton brought the morning message, and during his sermon told that Lottie Moon dedicated her life to mission work while listening to the preaching of Dr. Robert Headdon, while he was at Cartersville. Dr. Headdon was reared in Ramah Church.

Other men who were reared in Ramah Church and

Rico United Methodist Church

When the LaGrange District Conference convened in June, 1902, the Reverend Frank Quillian was granted permission to organize a church at Rico. Bishop W. A. Candler was the Bishop. Mr. J. W. Shannon gave an acre of land to build the church on. Members and friends donated materials, furnishings and labor to build the church. The pews were hand-made by Eugene A. Camp, Luther F. Gaddy and Rowland G. Mixon. They are still in use. There is no record of how much it cost or if there was a contractor. Liberty Hill Church near Rivertown disbanded in December, 1902, and came to Rico. The church was dedicated on May 3, 1903, Bishop Key presiding. The bell was brought from Libery Hill some years later.

As time has passed, modern improvements have been made: electric lights, stained-glass windows, heating system, electric organ, carpet, aluminum siding, air-conditioning, and paving of the parking area. The building remained just the sanctuary until the 1950's, when a kitchen was added. Then the educational annex was added in the 1960's. Recently the entire annex has been refurbished, tiled floors and

Sardis Baptist Church

Sardis Baptist Church was established in 1875. As the area seven miles west of Palmetto became more populated, residents felt the need of a more localized church. In 1875 the Baptist Church of Christ at Sardis was established with the Reverend J.R.T. Brown as pastor. Earliest membership records show sixty-five members on roll. Many came from Ramah Baptist Church, in Palmetto. The church building was first lo-



answered the call to God's work were The Reverend Harry V. Smith, Jack Tatum, N. A. Moss, and L. L. Smith.

Many of the churches in our area were organized by members of Ramah, who withdrew their membership to organize churches in their own communities as they became more thickly settled.

Ramah's history has been truly great, but we look forward to even greater service in our Lord's work.

Submitted by Dave Tatum, Sr.



repainted throughout. Most of the work has always been done by members. It has always been the policy of the church to pay as we go, so each project was paid for when finished. The Reverend Renard Langley was pastor the longest: twelve years. The Reverend Carroll Tinsley is now serving his eighth year.

People of Rico are proud of our church and what it has stood for these seventy-six years. God grant that it may continue to be a beacon light to those who pass by for many more years.

Submitted by Grace Mixon Hopkins (Historian)

cated in the southeast corner of the intersection of Hutcheson Ferry and Sardis Roads. Services were held one week-end each month (Saturday and Sunday). In 1927 a new church building was constructed by the members themselves in the southwest corner of the intersection. In 1935 services were changed to two Sundays each month. In 1942 records show that the church was called Sardis Baptist Church, and in 1948 the church began holding services every Sunday. Some members recall that as late as 1947 horses and wagons were still used by some people as a means of transportation to church.

In 1954 a pastorium was built in the northwest corner of Hutcheson Ferry and Vernon Grove Roads on land donated by F. O. Turner, Sr. In 1966 a larger pastorium was built where the original church had been located. At the present time (1979) new educational facilities are being added to the church. Members on roll number 330. Over the years, many have

gone into full-time services. Some have become pastors, some have married pastors, and some have become foreign missionaries. Since its beginning, thirty-three ministers have pastored Sardis. Currently, the

church is pastored by the Reverend Paris N. Donehoo.

Submitted by Mary Harrelson

Victory Missionary Baptist Church



In the fall of 1963 Garfield Cannon bought a church building at the corner of Cobb and Spring Streets in Palmetto from John Blankenship. This building was formerly used for a Christian Church.

On the third Sunday in February of 1964 Reverend John Rainey met with a group of people for the purpose of starting a Missionary Baptist Church. The first Sunday in March this group of people started having regular Sunday School and Church Service.

Sunday, April 19, 1964, the Victory Missionary Bap-

tist Church was organized with fifteen charter members. The Reverend John Rainey was pastor, and the deacons were Ivey Parris and Garfield Cannon. The church was accepted into the Western Baptist Association. At this time the church bought the building from Garfield Cannon.

In August of 1966 the Reverend John Rainey resigned from the church and the Reverend John Harper was voted as the new pastor.

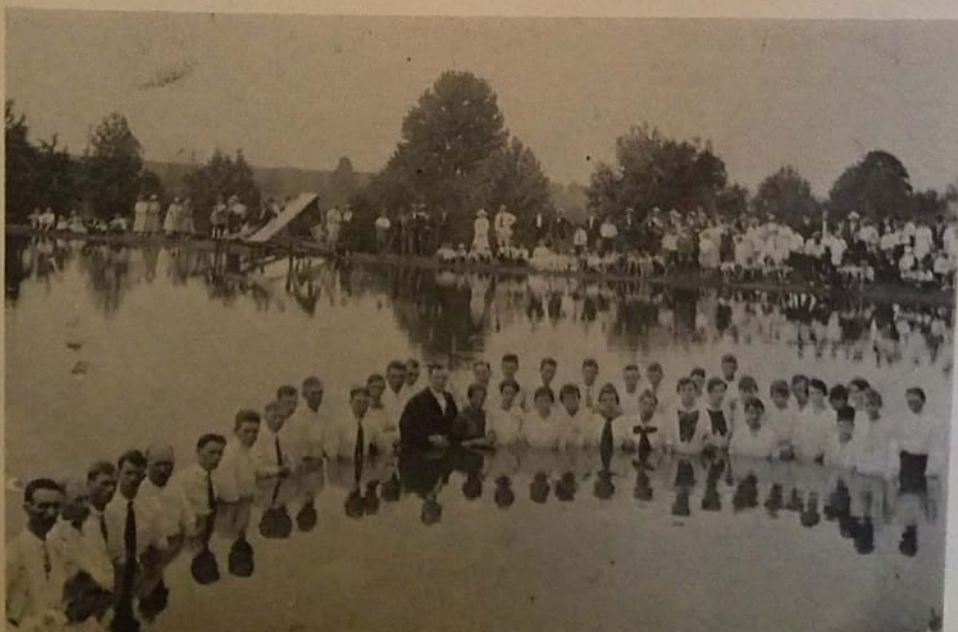
A radio program, which the church still conducts was started in September of 1967. We also started sending money to missionaries. The church still sends money to four missionaries.

In the spring of 1971 the members decided a new church building was needed. By fall of that year a new brick building with a full basement had been finished, with most of the work being done by the members of the church.

The Reverend John Harper is still the pastor, the deacons are Garfield Cannon, Kenneth Denney and Wade Arrington.

Submitted by Garfield Cannon

This is what a baptizing service looked like in 1916 at Ramah Baptist Church. This was down behind the church at the "Pond." These are the names we knew, left to right: Tarpley Turner is holding Ralph Jones, Oscar Collins, Mr. Collinsworth, Rufus Moss, Hines Morgan, unknown, Bertis Carter, Buel Astin, Andrew Jackson, Wright Turbyfield, Cleve Congo, Crawford Dennis, Sr., Guy Morgan, Wayne Morris, Rev. Lee Cutts; front row: Rube Turbyfield, unknown, unknown, Lola Richardson, Vester Bowen, Mattie Sue Turner, Mae Bailey, unknown, Gertrude Collins, Nell Roberts, Genia Carter, unknown, unknown, unknown, May Parker, Leilie Mae Morris, Dora Turner; back row: Tom Richardson, Hugh Port, Earl Barronton, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, and Fred Turner.



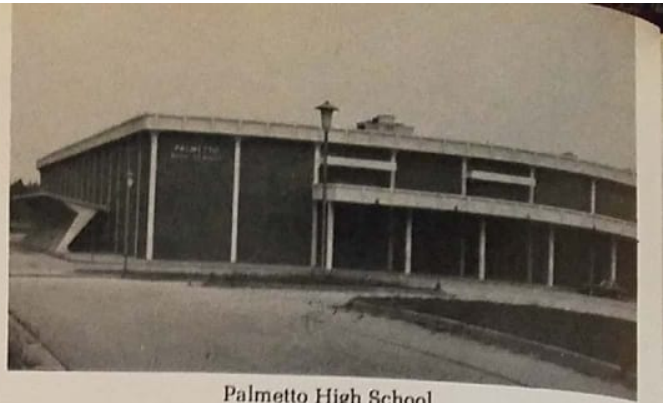
Palmetto High School

A special pride in having its own high school was realized by the Palmetto community in 1970. The southernmost high school in Fulton County began operation in August of 1970, on double session with Campbell High School in Fairburn. The school moved into the newly completed Palmetto High School on February 22, 1971.

The school opened with only three grades—eighth, ninth, and tenth—with an enrollment of 333 students. Ten years later the school has five grades—eighth through twelfth—and a student body of approximately 625. The first faculty had twenty-eight members, and today's faculty has grown to forty.

The first graduating class of Palmetto High School was the "Class of 73", with a total of ninety-five graduates.

Palmetto High School has been led by three different principals: Hal C. Shields, Tom T. Richardson,



Palmetto High School

and Frank Sims.

The mascot of Palmetto High is "The Raider," suitably named for the soldiers from South Carolina who camped here in 1847 on their way to the War with Mexico. As the town took its name from the Palmetto State, so the school took its mascot from South Carolina's soldiers.

Submitted by Sondra A. Wingo, P.T.A. Historian

Palmetto Elementary School

Palmetto Elementary School originated around the turn of the century. At that time it was a two story building which was located in the vicinity of the present CONCHETA CARTER DAY CARE CENTER. It was called Palametto School and served students in the First thru Tenth Grade.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Concheta Carter and the P.T.A., a new building was erected in 1928. This came about when the P.T.A. raised \$500.00, which was matched by the city of Palmetto, and the same amount from Campbell County. Graduates of the first graduating class in the new building in 1928 were Mrs. Mattie Sue Amos Hines, Mrs. Nancy Bellamy and Mrs. Harry Reese.

The present Palmetto Elementary School is located



Palmetto Elementary School

at 206 School Street.

Two principals have served the present Palmetto Elementary School since its construction in 1947, they are Mr. John T. Gibson and Miss Jemmie L. Willingham.

Submitted by Mrs. Jane Holland

Charles E. Riley Elementary School



The consolidation of Campbell County and Fulton County in 1932 brought changes to the school in Palmetto. The Board of Education engaged the services of Robert and Company, Architects, to build a new school building in the city of Palmetto on six acres of land on Turner Avenue. This school consolidated Palmetto High School (a senior high), Palmetto Mill

School (seven grades), and Goodes Elementary School (also seven grades). Because a large donation toward the cost of the building was made by Mr. Charles E. Riley, President of the Palmetto Cotton Mill, the school was named for him. The original building, including equipment, cost \$37,500. The student capacity was for 400 children, with ten original classrooms, clinic, auditorium, lunchroom, office rooms, and the Science and Library Room. The new school was quite an advancement over the old ones and one of the most satisfying and interesting features was the school lunch program. At first this program was under the direction of a local individual who handled the meals as though it were a private eating establishment and charged enough for the meals just to clear some profit. In the past many of the ladies of the community used to make large containers of soup, divide it into smaller containers and carry them to the teachers in each classroom, who would place the food on the coal heater to be served to the children at the noon hour. The first lunchroom at the new school was directly

across the hall from the present school offices. Later this was changed and the cafeteria was moved to the northwest end of the building, which is now the seventh grade classrooms. A new cafetorium was completed December 1962. In 1965-66 school year new classrooms and restrooms were added on the southern portion of the building. A new library was built on in 1975.

The Charles E. Riley School was first occupied March 1, 1933. Mr. L.L. Perry is listed as the first principal, but he did not move into the new building as he resigned to become a member of the State Department of Education. Mr. J.L. Gilmore served as principal from March 1, 1933 until the term ended that Spring. Mr. G.H. Coleman became principal and served until 1948. Mr. Sherwin Tucker served as principal from September 1948 to January 1949 at which time the office was held by Miss Eva Mae Ivey, who served until 1953. Mrs. Ruby Thompson served from September 1953 until her resignation in April 1956. Miss Nellie Keith became principal at this time and served until her retirement in 1975. Mr. T.L. Lee be-



In 1934 the ninth grade class at Charles E. Riley were left to right, Margaret Turner, Claudia Couch, Lillian Langley, Margaret Hall, and Dorothy Hopkins; second row, Desbert White, Freeman Dean, Tom Gullatt, Willis Johnston, Jr., Parks Condor, Ed Jackson and Sammy Dennis; third row, Clyde Bates, Ruby Collins, Betty Smith, Margaret Atchinson, Bob Smith and Harvey Moore.

came principal in fall of 1975 and is now serving in that capacity.

Submitted by Sara G. Bentley

First three grades at Palmetto School 1928



This group was "Palmetto School" in 1902-1903. Starting left on back row they are: Ruby Edge, Jennie Lou Cole, Flora Condor, Willie Richardson, Annie Jean Culbreath, Cecil Daniel, Nora Steed, Capt. Andy Richardson, John Giles, Claud Culbreath, Edd Goggans, Land Goggans, Herschel Brown. Second row: Edna Condor, Marion Arnold, Aleen Ponder, Doll Richardson, Mary Daniel, Jessie Daniel, Lucile Daniel, Lizzie Jackson, Mary Congo, Pauline Cole, Tommy Turner, Huie Hearn. Third row: Isaac Edge, Matt Richardson, Neville Condor, Estelle Swann, Lilla Barown, Howard Daniel, George Mark Posey, Cling Owens, Alfred Swann, Herman Hearn, Will Edge, Edgar Wingo. Fourth row: Howard Overby, Horace Roberts, Glen Brown, Tom Daniel, Edwin Johnson, Archie Harper, Parker Congo, Ralph Goggans, Headden Smith, Raymond Steed. Front row: Rebie Brown, Mildred Edge, Osborn Hopkins, Mabel Posey, Vercie Edge, Opal Tarrance, Sweetie Richardson, Gladys Ponder, Lillie Mae Griffith, Minnie Mae Edge, and Grace Reid.



GOODES SCHOOL—1905—Mr. Woodall, teacher Bottom row left to right: Hubert Shell, John Henry Peek, Willie Watkins, Seaborn Hearn, Ottie Watkins, Blake Hopkins, Johnny Jackson, Ernest Keith, Lester Griffin, Weyman Shell, Denzil Hopkins, Hulett Keith, Bronson Eidson, Parks Shell, Raymond Hudson. Second row: Phillip Peek, Jim Robinson, unknown, Flossie Shell, Mamie Eidson, Pearl Wilson, Lena Gentry, Lovenia Griffin, Carl Shell, Callie Shell, Rushie Robinson, Opal Philips, Effie Hudson. Third row standing: Embard Hopkins, Grady Keith, Stevie Hearn, Alton Wilson, Pierce Shell, Horace Wilson, Bill Jackson, Roy Watkins, Willie Gentry, Tessie Peek, Erzell Hopkins, Jewell Eidson, Annie Lizzie Hearn, Mattie Robinson, Pearl Griffin, Loula Robinson. Fourth row far left standing: Namaan Watkins, Nobie Griffin, Myrtie Gentry, Zera Hopkins, Hope Hearn, Tommy Lou Philips, Laban Watkins, Ellie Hopkins, Alena Attaway, Effie Shell, Mattie Watkins. Fifth row: Paul Wilson, Frank Shell, Arthur Wilson, Clant Hopkins, Frank Gentry, Homer Eidson, Lester Gentry, Stephen Jackson, George Shell, Pete Hopkins, Edison Eidson.



The Palmetto Mill School was built in 1915. It was used until 1934 when Riley was built. The building is in a T-shape with three large rooms. The first principal was Mr. W.J. (Willie) Speir and some of the first teachers were: Misses Mildred Wingo, Emma Skeen, and Edna Wingo. Other known teachers were Mrs. Fronnie Hubbard, Mrs. Janie Mae Swanson, Miss Clements, Miss Katherine Smith and Miss Nellie Smith. This building is still standing on Hill Street. Some of those who attended the school were, Mrs. Fronie Brooks (deceased), James Swanson, Sammie (Dennis) Conger, Glenn (Spud) Cavender, Hayden Phillips, Frank Bentley, John Edward Creel, Harold Bowen (deceased), and Mrs. Janie Mae Swanson (deceased); second row from top, left to right, Linsey Slaton, Eugene Creel, Mary Lou Gann, Dolly Duncan, Bertha Jones (deceased), Ruth Gosden, Annie Belle Cochran, Retha Smith, Clovis McMichel, Evie Nell Barronton and Sarah Creel; third row from top, left to right, Melma Lee Turner (deceased), Maxine Camp, Effie Cavender, Jessie Moore, Mary Cavender, Ruth Boynton, Myrtle Bates, and Mildred Creel; front row, left to right, Raynard Moore, Fayette Jones, George Thomas Dennis, Douglas White, Monroe McMichel, Frank Bowen, and Travis Slaton (deceased).



Some of the pupils who attended Rico School between the years of 1895-1900 are as follows: Mr. Meacham, teacher, Sallie Smith Green, George Green, Lucy Smith, Estelle Smith, Tessie Smith, Rob Smith, Bascom Shannon, Nora Blissitt, Estelle Blissitt, Jim McMil-

lan, Evie Shannon, Sanford Shannon, Emma Gullatt Herndon, Ina Crawford, Dow Gullatt, Mannie Reeves, Mary Gullatt, Tommie Reeves, Jervis Laird, Edgar Laird, Annie Reeves Johnson, Harriss Reeves, Florence Shannon Lewis, Olin Gullatt, and Nellie Wager.

The County Line Homemakers Club

In 1951, several ladies formed the County Line Homemakers Club. At that time, the county extension service provided a home demonstrator to attend each meeting to bring such new ideas in homemaking as methods for canning and freezing vegetables and fruits, tailoring, interior decorating, crafts, gardening and nutrition. For many years, the club met once a month in homes of members with an enrollment of some twenty-five to thirty-five members. Once a year at Christmas a covered dish dinner for husbands would be given with exchanging of presents, singing of Christmas carols, and playing of games to liven the affair.

As time passed, with affirmative action and equal opportunity, the County Extension Agent could meet with the Club only in public buildings. As a result, the Program Chairperson was left to her own resources to provide interesting programs for the club.

When the Rico Homemakers Club dissolved in 1953, the County Line Club eventually extended its boundaries to all of Rico for membership. It now has an enrollment of approximately thirty-four ladies who do not only meet monthly but on occasions have work-days for quilt making and special projects. Many of the members have been attending twenty years or longer. However the club has survived be-



Photograph of County Line Homemakers taken at Palmetto Spring Festival in May of 1979.

cause of the enthusiasm and interest of new members who are usually newcomers to the neighborhood.

Two special projects for raising funds are the sweet shops. Booths are rented in the spring at the Palmetto Festival and in the fall at the Fairburn Historical Society Annual Affair. For the sweetshop, members bake from scratch such cakes as fresh apple, coconut, Italian cream, caramel pound, chocolate layer, sheath cake, and lemon cheese. They also make brownies, cookies, divinity candy, homemade bread, and such pies as sweet potato, lime, and coconut.

The club also has turned its energies toward the community with goals of providing a luncheon for senior citizens once a year and redecorating the Rico Civic Club Building—the Old Masonic Lodge.

Submitted by Mable A. Mansfield

The Jolly Ten Social and Savings Club



Left to right: Emma Mitchell, Easter Maddox, Cleophas Williams, Johnnie Slaughter, Ruby Kemp, Ruthie Kemp, Dona Knox, Irene Merritt, Emma Elder, Rentha Williams, Evelynene Jones, Louvenia Williams, Dorothy Roquemore.

The Jolly Ten Social and Savings Club was organized January 4, 1956, at the home of Mrs. Irene Merritt. At this meeting there was a membership of five ladies: Easter Maddox, Cleophas Williams, Irene Merritt, Rentha Williams, and Mrs. Lucile Brown, who is now deceased. At that time, Mrs. Merritt was

elected our President. Later, Mrs. Louvenia Williams joined. As the years passed, the club has grown to fourteen members. Our growth has also added strength. Mrs. Merritt has served as president for twenty-one years and Mrs. Carter for one year.

The club has sincerely enjoyed the leadership of the two presidents. The club is always thinking of others in the community. On Christmas we give a basket of fruit to the elderly and also to the shut-ins. We have given money to the churches of the community, and have visited the cancer homes and the convalescent homes. We always remember the deceased in the community. We are thankful that we are still together on our twenty-second anniversary and hope to continue for twenty-two more years to come.

Since our last anniversary, a length of our chain has been broken with the passing of our financial Secretary, Mrs. Dora Knox.

Mrs. C. A. Carter is our Honorary Member.

Submitted by Louvenia Williams

The "Life Lighters" Club

On Thursday, August 3, 1978 a group of people met at Ramah Baptist Church with Pastor Creig Kelley for the purpose of organizing a Senior Citizens Club. The

club was formed and officers were elected: Lena Landers, President; J. L. Parker, Treasurer; Ernestine Bentley, Secretary; Florence Lloyd and Lizzie Mae Boynton, Telephone Committee. A name for the club was discussed. The name "Life Lighters," suggested

by Florence Lloyd, was chosen. The Life Lighters Club meets at 10:30 A.M. on the second Thursday of each month in the dining hall at Ramah Church. There is a time of devotion, prayer, fellowship and fine food at each meeting. Among the members is Mrs. Jodie Turner, age ninety-two, who has missed few of the meetings.

The club seeks to live up to its name by doing something to bring life and joy to the hearts of other people. At Christmas, gifts are carried to some of the nursing homes. Pads have been made for the Cancer Home in Atlanta. At one meeting most of the mem-

bers brought something old and dear to them and explained the history of the item. This activity was very interesting. A group of the ladies, along with Pastor Kelley, enjoyed a fishing trip after one of the club meetings, proving that there are many things to enjoy as a Senior Citizen.

The Life Lighters Club is not limited to members of Ramah Baptist Church, so "Come with us and we will do thee good."

Submitted by Florence Lloyd

Palmetto Garden Club

The Palmetto Garden Club was organized May 4, 1928, with the following officers elected: Mrs. J. M. McMillan, President; Mrs. J. A. Dennis, Vice President; Mrs. C. C. Hudson, Secretary; Mrs. J. A. Carlton, Treasurer; Mrs. T. P. Arnold, Press.

Twenty-four charter members were enrolled. The principal speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. W. T. Roberts of Fairburn, who stressed the many advantages to be gained by the affiliation with State Garden Clubs.

An outstanding project of the year was a plan to

compile a written history of the oldest gardens in Campbell County, one of which is one of the oldest gardens in the state. Three are over sixty years old, and all are still identified with the same families. Of these gardens, the old Beckman Garden is still cared for by Mr. Bill Beckman; the old Walthall Garden by Mrs. Myrtie Walthall Brittain; the old Ballard Garden by Mrs. Maude Ballard Hudson, and the old Redwine Garden by Mrs. Vena Smith Redwine.

Article taken from the minutes of the year book 1942

Submitted by Carole Harper



The Palmetto Garden Club are photographed as they celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary. Standing left to right are: Mrs. W.T. Roberts, Mrs. Sally Hutson, Mrs. LaTrelle Jackson, Mrs. T.P. Bul-lard, Mrs. Mary Lee Morris, Mrs. Eleanor Roan, Mrs. Alberta Be-lyeu, Mrs. Lurline Martin, Miss Elizabeth Paine, Mrs. Carrie Owens (Man's name unknown), Miss Annie Beavers, Mrs. Nelle Astin, Mrs. Betty Thornton, Mrs. Elizabeth Hearn, and Mrs. Evelyn Clark. First table: Mrs. Louise Gibbs, Mrs. Callie Carlton, Miss Es-telle Swann, (Name of one with head hidden unknown), Mrs. Kate Thomason, Mrs. Gen Jackson, Miss Lucille Smith, Miss Mary Con-dor, Mrs. Gaynelle Hendrix, Mrs. Irene Chandler, Mrs. Vera Smith, Mrs. Marian Bruns, and Mrs. Charles Grilhe. Second table: Mrs. Zenobia Morris, Mrs. N.O. Skeen, Mrs. Blanche Mowell, Mrs. Mildred Grace, Mrs. (Joe) Sallie Hutson, Mrs. George Bates, Mrs. Burma Abercrombie, Mrs. Rachel Hoover, Mrs. Margaret Steed, Mrs. Clairman Condor, Mrs. Elizabeth Swanson, Mrs. Sarah Hud-son, and Mrs. Louise Hamill.

Palmetto Lodge

The history of Palmetto Lodge No. 74 has been the history of the South and of our Nation. The members of our Lodge have played a prominent part in its peace and in its wars.

During the War Between the States, we fought with distinction and during the days of Reconstruction, the wisdom of our members was devoted to solving the problems of those dark days.

From Palmetto have gone our men to fight our wars on foreign soil. The Battle of Atlanta, the Battle of the Marne, the island battles of the Pacific, Normandy Beach and even the horrors of German prisons, have been the experiences of our men.

Among us, doctors, lawyers, preachers, merchants,

farmers, statesmen and teachers have lived out their days in service beyond the call of duty, and with distinction. Through the years, our members have gone quietly about obeying the laws of God and of their government, keeping their heads in troubled times, and always ready to lend a hand to those in distress. At no time has it been said that here was fertile ground for sowing the seeds of disloyalty or rebellion. Democracy and Christianity have always been strong enough in our Lodge community to choke out the undesirable weeds of unrest, subversion, and isms. Here, in the shadow of our Lodge have lived and worked for a century, men and women who were guided and protected by its principles. Indeed, the history of America has been the history of Palmetto Lodge No. 74.

Unity Lodge No. 74 F & A M was born on November 7, 1848, and its officers were: W.P. Kellog, WM, C.B. Taliaferro, SW, and Willis P. Menefee, JW. The Lodge met in the "upstairs room" of the home of Samuel Lewis Arnold, near what is now McCollum, Georgia. After five or six years the meeting place was moved to a building erected by Dr. Cabe Johnson, near the home of Winston Eberhart.

In 1877 the Lodge home was moved to Palmetto and on November 1, 1877 the name of the Lodge was changed to Palmetto No. 74. After the Battle of Atlanta stragglers of Sherman's army destroyed the physical properties of the Lodge.

During the days of Reconstruction a group of Masons met in a back room of Brother Sim Zellars' store and kept the Lodge alive. These men were: Brothers J.M. Hopkins, Robert Astin, Sim Zellars, Dr. Zellars, and Arthur Hutcheson.

The Lodge met in the brick building, built by Garrett and Walthal in 1873, from about 1875 until about

Rico Civic Club

In February 1948, the Rico Civic Club was founded and became a member of the Federation of Civic Clubs of Southwest Fulton County. The other clubs in the federation were the Ben Hill, Cedar Grove, Tell, and Sandtown Clubs.

The individual clubs met monthly with as many as 500 members attending the quarterly meetings held at different club locations throughout South Fulton. Such issues as paved roads, a bridge across the Chatahoochee in South Fulton, and fire protection were discussed. At that time there were no paved roads, no fire protection, and no bridge across the river south of Ben Hill. However, at a quarterly meeting in Rico in 1954, a motion was made and passed to dissolve the Federation. And that, no doubt, broke the solidarity of the people in South Fulton, as little progress has been made in twenty-five years toward paved roads, fire protection, or two bridges (only two had been built).

The Rico Civic Club continued to meet and eat monthly. The land upon which the Community House was built was given by a person who stated that no dancing or gambling would be permitted. This elimi-

Town and Country Homemakers

The Goodes Home Demonstration Club was organized in 1941 with Mrs. Geraldine Longino as the first president. They met in the home of Mrs. Ruth Barnes. Mary Alice Drake was the first Home Demonstration County Agent. She would come to the monthly meetings and give demonstrations in sewing, cooking and home beautification, or anything the women could learn and benefit from.



Masons celebrating one-hundredth anniversary at a barbecue in 1948. Left to right: Slim Grubbs, Chester Blair, Clovis Peek, Freeman Dean, Fred Bentley, Sr., L.B. Bradley, B.T. Barronton, Fred Davidson, and T.B. Harper.

1880. At that time, it moved into the Reid building from which it moved to its present location, about 1945. (upstairs of McKenzie's Drug Store)

William J. Coggin is now (1979) Worshipful Master. Meeting nights are the first and third Tuesday of each month.

nated many of the young people who wished to dance and many of the older ones who wished to play bingo. But much of the meeting time was spent on a variety of programs about travel, politics, gardening, cattle raising, and a few parties. Of course delicious food was uncovered at each meal.

About 1967, the Club suspended meetings indefinitely. Then, in 1975, a new generation came into the community, and a need for community action arose. After raising funds to send five children to Washington with the State Patrol, a new club was organized as the Rico Community Club. Two main projects were immediately adopted: The restoration of the Old Masonic Lodge Building for a community club house, and a fire department located in the community.

To give freedom of direction, the club members worked out a trade of land between the two churches, Providence Baptist and Rico Methodist, and the Capitol View Masonic Lodge for possession of the Old Lodge Hall. Restoration began immediately. In addition, an acre of land was given for the location of the Fire Department, which now provides two fire trucks and first aid for the protection of the community.

Submitted by Mable Mansfield

Members of the Town and Country Homemakers Club stand before a recently unveiled Palmetto sign on the Corner of Collinsworth and Fayetteville Road. The club sponsored the construction of the sign.



Mrs. Frances B. McKay served for twenty years as county agent. She worked hard and spent many extra hours helping the ladies to learn to make or arrange furnishings in a room or work out a color scheme.

In April of 1968 the club started meeting in the Palmetto Baptist Church Dining Hall to make plans for the city ladies to join. The group voted to change the name of the club to the Town and Country Home Makers Club. Gwen Thompson was the first president under the new name, and Jolyn Griffith was the program chairman. Jolyn and a helper would go to the county work shops where county agents and assistants

would teach them how to go back to their own clubs and give demonstrations on what they learned at these work shops. At this time the county agents could not meet with all the clubs in the South and North Fulton areas.

Mrs. Teresa Daugherty is the president now; Barbara Crisp is program chairman; Florence Loyd, treasurer; Rita Boykin, vice president; Suellen Kearns, secretary; and Miss Willie Johnson, devotional chairman.

Submitted by Gwen Thompson

Palmetto W.O.D.R.O. Club

On Wednesday, May 25, 1977, a group from Palmetto Baptist Church met to organize a Christian club for senior citizens who would be interested in a fellowship of this kind. This club was to be made up from all churches and community citizens fifty years and older. The charter members for this club are The Reverend Tom Daugherty (our advisor), Teresa Daugherty, Alice Kearns, Elizabeth Turner, Margaret Kearns, Lucy Seymour, Mrs. Gen. Jackson, and Miss Willie Johnson. When the club was first organized,



The Palmetto Baptist WODRO Club is pictured on a recent trip to St. Simons Island.

the Ramah Church members were in the club, but they now have their own club.

The officers for the club were President, Elizabeth Turner; Vice President, Mrs. Gen. Jackson; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Willie Johnson; Telephone Chairman, Alice Kearns.

At the second meeting of the club, Tom, the advisor, suggested that the club be named the W O D R O Club, meaning "Wear Out Don't Rust Out." This name was adopted by the entire club. The club does community missions for all the areas around Palmetto. They have now started a tape ministry, the church having purchased a tape recorder. The club bought a cassette player to be used in taking these tapes to shut-ins and those who cannot attend the church services.

The club has enjoyed several trips, some of them just day trips, and some overnight trips. In 1978 Palmetto Baptist Church bought a Greyhound bus, which the club uses on these trips. The club has forty-two members and has an average attendance of twenty-five at each meeting. They enjoy a covered dish luncheon after each meeting.

Submitted by Elizabeth Turner

The Mozart Club photographed in June 18, 1887. First row: Will Dean, Mary Sue Bullard and Willie Beckman. Second row: Ola Cranford, Louise Kilean, Rhemer Holleman, Ralph Cochran, Mrs. Mag Wiley, Dora Beckman, Maggie Dean, Maude Ballard, Beatrice Cochran, Albertine Astin. Back row, boys: Doc Astin, Will Floyd, Ernest Thornton, R.M. Holley, Nat Cochran, Nat Ballard, Parker Bullard, Paul Peniston, Fred Smith. Back row, girls: Alice Askew, Cora Ballard, and Florrie Bullard.

1946 Scout Troop No. 191 Ray Lassetter — Scout Master. Front row, left to right: Gene Farr, Stanley Bailey, Gene Bradley, Bo Hembry, Thomas Jones, Fellar Johnston. Back row, left to right: Woodie Harper, James Carden, Billy Landers, Dan Jones, Jack Moore, Buddy Johnston, Ray Lassetter, Bud Farr, Bert Chandler, Hugh Parker, J.W. Cook, Emory Bailey, Sam Phillips, and Eddie Bentley.



Georgia Baptist Children's Home

The Palmetto Campus of Georgia Baptist Children's Home, located on Hutcheson Ferry Road is in the business of redeeming young lives—reaching out daily to hundreds of children and families in Georgia who are in need of caring and healing concern in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Georgia Baptist Asylum for Orphaned Children was founded in 1872 out of deep concern for the orphaned children of Confederate Soldiers. In 1880 it was closed because of financial problems. Then in 1888, through the efforts of a group of Baptist Women of the Second Ponce deLeon Baptist Church in Atlanta, the Home was re-opened and has been in continuous operation since.

The Home is no longer an orphanage. In 1945, the present name was adopted and the ministry was expanded to include other children in need of help. Changing constantly to meet the needs of a changing society, Georgia Baptist Children's Home is now ministering to the entire family, providing residential care for boys and girls and helping them and their families to assume effective roles in society.

Until 1968 Georgia Baptist Children's Home was located on an eighty-one acre tract of land adjacent to the Atlanta Airport in Hapeville. With plans for expansion of the airport, the General Manager and

Trustees were asked to sell to the City of Atlanta.

On December 13, 1965, the Home purchased approximately four hundred acres one half mile from Palmetto for the new campus.

August 1968 marked the beginning of a big physical move for the Children's Home. The campus located at Hapeville began its trek to South Fulton. The move consisted of moving twelve cottages, eleven staff apartments, the resident superintendent's home, and the offices and physical service buildings. Approximately 150 boys and girls living the campus were involved in the move.

The archway entrance to the Hapeville campus bridges the past to the present as it rests on the Palmetto campus. Stained glass windows that graced the Hapeville Chapel continue to inspire boys and girls where they are now placed in the library.

All the efforts made on that hot August day have been worth it to the residents of the new Palmetto Campus. The children have more space in which to grow and mature. Large spots for gardens behind each cottage are just one of the many advantages for the boys and girls. Two lakes also offer the opportunity for fishing and relaxation.

The Children's Home welcomes visitors who are interested in Georgia Baptists' ministry to families and children in crisis.

Submitted by Linda deMore

Palmetto Fire Department

The Palmetto Fire Department was organized in March of 1968 by a group of concerned local residents who saw a growing need and who set out with determination to meet that need. Organized and led by the first chief of the department, Johnny Smith, much progress has been made in the eleven year history of the department. Johnny Smith served as chief until 1974, when he gave up his position to Roger Handley.

In the beginning, the all-volunteer department had only a 1956 pumper and a small back room provided at the City Hall for sleeping quarters. The men had no prior training, so they immediately began taking a sixty-hour course in "fire suppression" provided by the Georgia Tech Fire Institute. Improvements then came year after year.

Today there is a three-bay station with a day room,

a kitchen, a captain's office, and sleeping quarters. This station was officially opened and dedicated on December 27, 1970. The present equipment includes a 1973 1000 G.P.M. Class A Pump, a 1956 500 G.P.M. Class A Pumper, a 1965 1200 Gallon Tanker, and a 1973 mini pumper, which also serves as a rescue unit. Also recently acquired was a 1977, fully equipped basic life support ambulance. The Emergency Medical Service (EMS) portion of our department is important in that approximately ninety percent of the calls are for E.M.S. In June of 1979 the department, with the aid of the city and its citizens, purchased the Hurst "Jaws of Life" to be used in rescue extrication.

The department, headed by volunteer chief Roger D. Handley since 1974, is composed of thirty-three members, including twelve Emergency Medical Technicians.

Submitted by Tom Daugherty





Palmetto Lodge No. 74 honored its past Masters on February 20, 1968. Twenty-five of the thirty past Masters were present. Left to right: Ray Lassetter, G.R. Farr, Fred Bentley, Lorenzo Bates, Berry Cochran, B.T. Barronton, Roy Duncan, R.E. Smith, and Mike Williams. Second row: Merriell Jenkins, Buddy Hines, Homer Ledbetter, Ned Hopkins, J.L. Parker and Jim Waites. Third row: Frank Smith, Broadus Bradley, Lavon Ledbetter, Johnny Smith, and Joe Turner. Fourth row: Ralph Astin, Dudley Lambert, Ted Black and Slim Grubbs.



Better Town Club modeling ladies hats in 1953. First row: Mr. McDonald, Thomas F. Hendrix, James Swanson, W. Lee Clark, D.W. Gentry. Second row: Headden Smith, "Slim" Grubbs, "Freck" Bradley, E.B. Hutson, Reverend Charles J. Grilhe, Ned Hopkins, C.H. Langley, R.E. Hamil, O.B. Chandler. Third row: Murray Bradley, Broadus Bradley, Frank Smith, Fred Johnston, C.D. Morris, Reverend C.J. Mowell, Al Alford, Joe Bill Jackson.



Benjamin T. Bomar and his singing class at Sardis Baptist Church in the early 1900's

The old Palmetto High School basketball team of 1927. Front row: Ralph Wingo, Ellis Sims, Ray Lassetter. Second row: Bill Landers, Robert Johnston, unknown. Third row: Alvin Edison, Milton Wal-drop, Professor Highsmith, J.L. Parker, Charlie Bradley, Carl Gentry

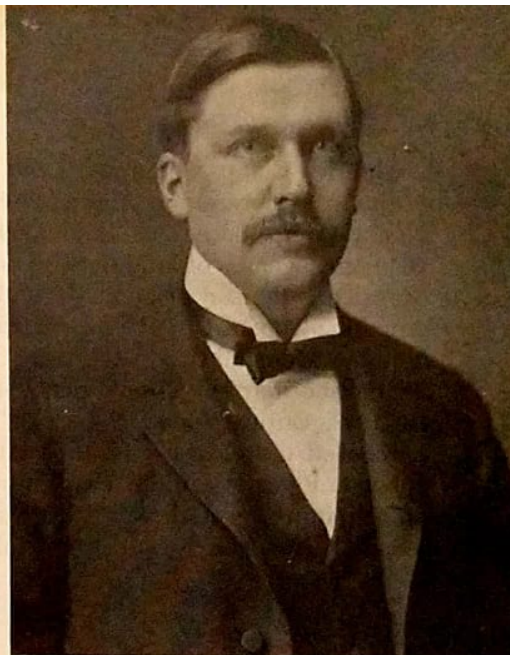


The Senior Class of Palmetto High School of 1931. The Commencement Exercises were Tuesday evening May 19th, at eight o'clock in the Auditorium. Front Row: William E. Overby, Emma Margaret Parker, Myrtie Leona Watkins, Mary Jo Rodgers, Jessie Elizabeth Morgan, Andrew Felton Shell. Back Row: Charles Arnold Barnes, Henry Major Thompson, Lonnie David Reed, Calvin Franklin Holland, Joseph Andrew Dennis





Palmetto area residents whose ages totaled approximately 800 years at the time the photograph was made. The average age was 88 years. First Row (L-R): Bob Tatum, Wid Jones, Glen Steed, Pell Robinson, Will Hall Second Row (L-R): Howard (Pat) Johnston, Jake Ballard, George Keith, Cheadle Cochran



Dr. Thomas Parker Bullard had no children, but was affectionately dubbed the "Pied Piper" because of his great following among the children and because of their mutual love for one another.



Onnie Lambert, Dr. Penniston, Pete Zellars and other friends help Bill Beckman celebrate his birthday at the "Beanery".

Mr. George Keith used to conduct a general store in the Goodes Community.



May Day celebration at Riley School in 1943



Maurice C. Abercrombie

Maurice Camp Abercrombie is a direct descendant of James Abercrombie (born 1798, died 1888) and Nancy Camp (born 1798, died 1840). James settled in 1840 on 757 acres of land now owned by J. M. Brown. Maurice is the son of James D. and Eva Camp Abercrombie, who also had one daughter, Mable Abercrombie Mansfield.

Maurice married Berma Elizabeth Jarrard on July 28, 1937. During the early part of World War II, he purchased the old Levi Phillips farm on the Chattahoochee River at Phillips Ferry, now Hutcheson Ferry, adjoining his father's farm. Maurice is also descended from Levi and from John Varner, early

settlers of the County-Line Rico Community.

Since 1942 he has raised Black Angus cattle and, from time to time, White Leghorn hens for hatchery eggs. Berma retired in 1948 from the Atlanta Public School System, where she was supervisor of the School Cafeterias. Throughout the years she has raised flowers (daffodils, hemerocalis, and chrysanthemums) and has taken many first prizes while exhibiting in shows in the southern states. Her parents were Jessie and Augusta Jarrard, from Tate, Georgia.

Submitted by Mable A. Mansfield

James L. Alexander Family

James L. Alexander was born August 12, 1884 and married Ola Head November 17, 1904. She was born April 14, 1884, and died April 11, 1952. James died May 16, 1949. They came to Palmetto from College Park in 1924 and lived on Highway 29 at the Velodrome Dairy Farm. They had six children.

Ethie M. was born January 31, 1906. She taught school for forty-two years, beginning in Fulton County and later in the Atlanta system. She retired in 1971 and now lives in Palmetto.

Thena M. was born January 5, 1908 and died August 29, 1935. She married Ralph Lasiter Wingo, and they had one daughter, Margaret A., who married Alfred C. Carraway. They have two children, Frazier and Marie.

Sarah J. was born May 23, 1912, and married Joseph A. Dennis Jr., August 8, 1942, and moved to California.

Robert S. was born January 23, 1914. He served with the 30th Division, 118 Field Artillery in Europe. On May 2, 1942, he married Retha Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith. In 1946 they moved to Roscoe Road, Palmetto, where they have a dairy farm.

James L. was born February 10, 1923. He was a Paratrooper with the 508th Infantry, 82nd Regiment in World War II. He was captured on "D-Day" and was in a German prison camp for a year. He died August 27, 1974, at the Veterans Home in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Jack H. was born December 20, 1926. He served with the Army in the South Pacific and is now with the Post Office Department in Atlanta. He lives in Palmetto.

Submitted by Ethie Alexander

Helion Giles Alford Family

Helion Giles (Al) Alford in early 1960's



James Alvin Alford was born March 12, 1852, in Gwinnett County, Georgia. He was married to Emma Kelley of Gwinnett County, Georgia, and they had nine children, six boys and three girls.

Mr. Alford went into the mercantile business in Gwinnett County in 1876. After his death in 1917, his wife continued to operate the business with the help of her oldest son, Walter Borden Alford. Eventually, seven of the children became involved in the business, and eleven stores were opened in the name of Alford Bros. in the metropolitan area of Atlanta.

Helion Giles Alford, born May 25, 1906, was the youngest of the Alford family. He finished Tech High in 1926 and attended Georgia Tech. On June 19, 1934, he married Sarah Margaret Smith, born in Houston

County, Georgia, in 1913, the oldest of five children of Hude Samuel Smith and Minnie Sue Peavy Smith (now deceased). She attended high school in Unadilla, Georgia, and finished the University of Georgia with a degree in education in 1934. After marriage, they came to live in Lawrenceville, Georgia, where Helion worked with his family in the general mercantile business.

April 15, 1935, Helion (Al) and Margaret moved to Palmetto, Georgia, and opened one of the largest general merchandise stores in the area. Three additional stores were opened in Fayetteville, Fairburn, and Newnan, Georgia. After serving the area for thirty-five years, they retired in 1970. In retirement, they continue to have a keen interest in civic and public affairs.

They have been active members of the Palmetto Baptist Church since 1935. Helion is an ordained dea-

con, also having served in the past as Sunday School superintendent. Margaret has been a teacher in various departments throughout the years.

They have two children and six grandchildren. Their daughter, Emasue, finished Agnes Scott College and married Carl H. Vereen in 1957. Carl is President of McDowell Development Corporation in Nashville, Tennessee, and Emasue is an account executive with Merrill-Lynch. The son, Walter Helion Alford, is a graduate of the University of Georgia and holds a law degree from Emory University. He is married to Susanne Pichard and they live in Coral Gables, Florida. Walter is a Vice President of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Submitted by Margaret Alford

Stephen Douglas Almond, Sr. Family

Stephen Douglas Almond, Sr. was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 22, 1946. He is the oldest son of Hooper Veal Almond, Jr. and Weir Barrett Almond of Atlanta. His brother, Andrew Wayne, lives in Decatur, Georgia. Steve graduated from Murphy High School and then attended Georgia Institute of Technology and received a degree in Industrial Manage-

ment in 1968. He received his Master's in Business Administration from Georgia State University in 1970. Steve is in partnership with his father and brother in an auto trim supply wholesale company, Southern Auto Top and Trim, Company, Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia, and Knoxville, Tennessee.

Linda Yvonne Grubbs was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 14, 1947. She is the third child of Theodore and Margaret Grubbs. The other children are Beverley Johnston, Sara Bentley, David Grubbs, and Karen Lambert. Linda graduated from Campbell High School and attended Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia.

Linda and Steve were married in Palmetto on September 13, 1968, and now reside in Alpharetta, Georgia. They have two sons: Doug, eight years old, and Nathan, five years old. They are members of the Alpharetta First United Methodist Church. Steve and Linda are both active members of the Alpharetta Jaycees and Jaycettes. Steve is currently serving as local chapter president, and Linda is serving as local chapter vice-president and region chaplain.

Submitted by Linda Almond



Nathan, Linda, Doug and Steve Almond

Martin Lassiter Andrews Family

Martin (Chick) Andrews was born in 1932 in Cullman, Alabama, to George M. and Mary Ellen Andrews. His father is now deceased. He joined the U. S. Army in 1951 and was in the Korean War. He has four sisters and four brothers.

Helen Ruth Tucker was born in 1934 to John Thomas and Nola Bell Tucker in Cullman, Alabama. Her mother is now deceased. Helen has two brothers and three sisters.

They were married April 28, 1956. Martin was sta-



"Chic" and Helen are shown here with their three children: Mark, Jeff and Michael.

tioned in Fort Polk, Louisiana, and Helen returned there with him and lived there two years. After he was discharged, they returned to Cullman, and he became employed with Cullman Supply and Machine

Shop.

Their first son, Gregory Michael, was born in 1957 in Cullman. Michael finished high school in Palmetto in 1975 and went to Carroll County Vocational School. He is now employed at Bonnell Aluminum in Newnan. Martin Dewayne was born August 26, 1961, in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a senior at Palmetto High School and plans to attend Georgia Southern. Jeffrey Thomas was born November 7, 1965, in East Point. He is in the eighth grade at Palmetto High School.

In 1960 the Andrews moved to East Point, where Martin was employed at Meadows Manufacturing Company. In 1968 he went to work at Ford Motor Company as a machinist and is still employed with them.

In 1969 they bought some land on Hutcheson Ferry Road from B. Seymour and built a house there in 1972.

They attend church at Sardis Baptist.

Submitted by Helen Andrews

Buel Eric Astin Family

Buel Eric Astin was born to William and Lula Astin in 1894 in old Campbell County. He has five half brothers, one half sister, and one brother, all of whom are deceased. As a boy he grew up on a farm.

Mattie Sue Turner was born to William and Dora Turner in 1902 in old Campbell County. She has two brothers and one sister. One brother and one sister are deceased. The one living brother, Roy Turner, lives on Turner Avenue in Palmetto.

Buel and Mattie Sue were married August 1, 1920, at the Sardis Church. She is a member of the Ramah Baptist Church. Buel was employed by his father-in-law, William Tarpley Turner, until he went in business for himself. He stayed in the grocery business in Palmetto for fourteen years.

In 1930 Buel had a tumor of the brain and had to have an operation. The operation left him partially paralyzed and he was unable to work for approximately ten years. In 1942 he went to work for the Fulton County Board of Education. He was employed at the Riley School in Palmetto until he became disabled again. He had to take early retirement because of his health. His favorite pastime was watching wrestling on T.V.

Buel and Mattie Sue had five children: Robert William Astin, born July 16, 1921; Dorothy Leola Astin, born August 22, 1924; Ralph Edward Astin, born April 23, 1927; Roy Buel Astin, born November 11, 1930; and Dora Ruth Astin, born June 11, 1931. All of the children are still living and all live in Palmetto. They

Buel and Mattie Sue Astin in 1956.



had nine grandchildren: Judy, Melinda Sue, Sheila, Mark, Ryan, Vicki, Timothy Astin, Danny and Byran Smith, and three great grandchildren: Rhonda, Jennifer, and Heather Chastain.

Buel was a member of the Ramah Baptist Church. He was in the Belieu Nursing Home in Newnan for twenty-one months before his death. He died in 1970 and is buried in the Ramah Baptist Church Cemetery.

Submitted by Dot Winkles (Daughter)

Ralph Edward Astin Family

Ralph Edward Astin was born in Palmetto on April 23, 1927, to Buel Erick and Mattie Sue (Turner) Astin. He was a small child and was prone to sickness. At the age of sixteen, after completing the eighth grade, he joined the Navy for two years. In service he became stronger and wiser. With a determination and a goal in life, he reentered school after his discharge. Starting in the ninth grade at Charles E. Riley and completing his education at Campbell High School in Fairburn was no easy task.

It was in school that Ralph met Marion Virginia Summers of Red Oak. Ralph and Virginia were married on September 17, 1950. Their union was blessed with the birth of a daughter, Melinda Sue, on June 7, 1951. Eager for a home of their own, they together started the construction of a small home on Virginia Avenue. During this time Ralph was employed by Southern Bell and Virginia at the Farmers Bank of Palmetto.

When Melinda was eight and a half, Virginia and Ralph were blessed with another addition to their

family. Sheila Rebecca was born November 12, 1959. Next was Mark Edward, born June 29, 1963, and Ryan Patrick, born on September 21, 1965.

During this time additional space was needed for the growing family, and appropriate additions were made to the little cottage. Tragedy struck soon after Ryan's birth, for Virginia learned that she had cancer. For two and a half years Melinda shouldered the responsibility of being a "little mother" as her own mother grew weaker and weaker from her illness. On May 2, 1970, the battle with cancer was lost and Virginia was taken from her family. Ralph and his family attended Ramah Baptist Church. It was their strong faith and family ties that strengthened them in their sadness. They continued to work hard and play hard as they faced the reality of their situation.

Ralph later remarried. (See Ralph Astin and Nell Belyeu Astin.)

Submitted by Nell Astin

Ralph Astin and Nell Richardson Belyeu Families

Both Ralph and Nell had suffered the untimely loss of their mates. Their love and ultimate marriage had grown from a longtime friendship between the two families. Prior to Virginia's death Ralph had pastured his horse at the home place where Nell had moved with her family after the death of her husband, Bill. Ralph, with wife and family, came frequently to ride and care for the horse. A total family friendship strengthened with each visit.

After Virginia's death the relationship between Nell and Ralph grew into mutual love and respect, as the two families continued activities together.

They began a project of adding additional bedrooms and a bath to Nell's remodeled homeplace (see William Brittian Belyeu Family). Their wedding took place there November 25, 1970, with family and a few friends attending.

Nell's father, Matt, died six months after their mar-

riage, leaving them with nine living at home. Gail Belyeu was married and living in Dekalb County. Melinda Astin married a year later. After twenty-one months, working every spare minute, Nell and Ralph completed the building of their present home on Cochran Mill Road.

One by one the children are growing up and making their spot in history, wherever that may be. Bruce Belyeu is married and is serving in the Navy. Barry Belyeu is married and is serving in the Coast Guard. Sheila Astin has also married. Only Joan, Mark, and Ryan remain at home. May God's blessings fall on each one and their families. Hopefully each will realize that a Christian home is a happy home.

Would they do it again? Sure they would!

Submitted by Nell Belyeu Astin

William L. Astin Family

William L. Astin, born January 9, 1792, was a Baptist minister who settled in the Palmetto area about 1814. He had seven sons, one of whom was Robert J. Astin, born June 6, 1817. He married Sara Ann (Bram) Cole, a sister of the founders of R. D. Cole Manufacturing Company in Newnan, Georgia.

John J. Astin, their only child, born September 3,

1840, a farmer by profession, married Mary Frances Hudson. They had three children: William Henry, Thomas Albertine, and John Bell Astin. Dr. William H. Astin married Myrtie Gentry of old Campbell County, January 17, 1909. He was a rural mail carrier in this area for eleven years and served as Postmaster of Palmetto from January 1, 1922, until January, 1937.

They had two daughters. Sara Astin married Dr. W. Ben Davis of College Park, Georgia. They have two children: Douglas W. Davis and Sally Ann Davis Montesinos, and five grandchildren.

Frances (Billie) Astin married William J. Sims, Jr. They reside near Palmetto on a portion of the original property, the Dr. Will Astin home. Their only child, Robert Redding Sims, and his wife Janice Gremillion Sims, own a home on the site of the original John J. Astin home. He is the sixth generation of the Astin descendants to reside on this property since its original purchase about 165 years ago.

Submitted by Sara Astin Davis and
Frances (Billie) Astin Sims



Dr. William H. Astin, taken when he
was Postmaster about 1936.

Foster Robert Atchison

Foster R. Atchison (1882-1951) was one of ten children born to John W. and Sara Elizabeth (Smith), originally from Coweta County near the Macedonia area. His twin sister was Ethel. He married Naomi Long in 1905, and from this union there are forty-two descendants. Of their nine children a son and a daughter

died as infants. The seven girls are all living today:

Mary married Ed Millians and lives in Newnan.

Sara married Bill Landers and lives in Palmetto.

Margaret married Harold Parker and lives in Hapeville.

Wynette married Stanley Bonner and lives in Hapeville.

Polly married Ben Freeman and lives in Fairburn.

Letty married W. C. Watson and lives in Palmetto.

Betty Jo married Robert Matthews and lives in Baltimore, Maryland.

Foster was a policeman in Palmetto for about thirteen years, even before Main Street was paved. There were no police cars, of course, so Foster's "beat" was to walk back and forth from Ramah Church to the Steed homeplace near the Coweta County line. At scheduled times, he used a key to punch the time on a watchman's time clock located on various buildings as he passed through town.

Foster was also a brick mason. Later in life he became a night watchman in Palmetto Cotton Mill. An accident there brought about his death in 1951. He slipped in the dark while alone, striking his head on some hot pipes and was unconscious for several hours. He was at home when he died one month later from complications and burns. He was sixty-eight years old.



Foster Atchison is pictured in October
15, 1929.

Submitted by Mrs. Billy Landers

Victor Bailey Family

William Victor Bailey, son of William Monroe Bailey and Nola Bell Warr, was born on July 29, 1911, in Winder, Georgia. Victor's mother brought him in his infancy to Palmetto, where her mother, Judith Bethel Cleveland Warr, lived. On April 17, 1929, he married Sarah Louvale Jackson. Louvale, born on October 24, 1911, in Tyrone, Georgia, is the daughter of Edward Evans Jackson and Effie Elizabeth Slaton. Louvale returned to live and work in Palmetto, where she had stayed occasionally with her Jackson grandparents when she was a child. Both Victor and Louvale worked for Palmetto Cotton Mills, Inc. Victor has recently retired from Eastern Air Lines. Six years ago they sold their home on Main Street and moved to a condominium in Union City.

They have three children. Emory Jackson Bailey was born in Palmetto on October 26, 1932. He attended Georgia Tech and is employed by the Life Insurance Company of Georgia. Emory and his wife, Faye Leebern, have twin sons, Mark Edward and Steven Kyle, who attend the C. H. Gullatt School in Union City. Stanley Arlen Bailey was born in Palmetto on March 30, 1934. After attending Mercer University and Georgia Southern College, he is presently an English teacher at Campbell High School in Fairburn and lives in Union City. Gloria Dean Bailey was born in Atlanta on December 20, 1938. She is a registered nurse, having completed her studies at Georgia Baptist

Hospital School of Nursing. Gloria married Harold Thomas Wiley in 1959 and lives with her three daughters in Doraville. Victoria Lynne, following in her mother's footsteps, is studying at Georgia Baptist Nursing School. Jennifer Leigh is a sophomore at Norcross High School. Julie Ann is an eighth grader at Summerour Middle School.

Submitted by Stanley A. Bailey



Stanley, Gloria Dean, and Emory Bailey

Billy and Joyce Baker



The Billy Baker home was once the "Old Methodist Parsonage" in the late 1800's.

Billy Baker, formerly of Wilson, North Carolina, married Joyce Kelley of Hiawassee, Georgia, September 10, 1960. They moved from Atlanta to the "Old Palmetto Methodist Parsonage" in March, 1962. Their daughter, Cynthia Renee was two months old, having been born January 20, 1962. Another daughter, Jolee Gay, was born November 17, 1966, and a son, Bartley Lee, was born September 9, 1971.

Billy started Paper Service Company in November, 1968, in a small space beside William Overby's hardware. The company was later moved to Roscoe Road. In January 6, 1978, the store which had been Smith Hardware and Brim Hardware was purchased and was combined with the Paper Company.

Billy's mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. James Boykin, reside on Roscoe Road. His sister, Carol, also lives in Palmetto and is a sales person for Paper Service and Hardware.

Joyce has a sister, Brenda Jacobs, who lives on Griffith Drive in Palmetto with her husband, Bobby, and daughters, Kelly and Michelle.

Billy is a sergeant with the Fulton County Police Department, and was formerly with Atlanta Police

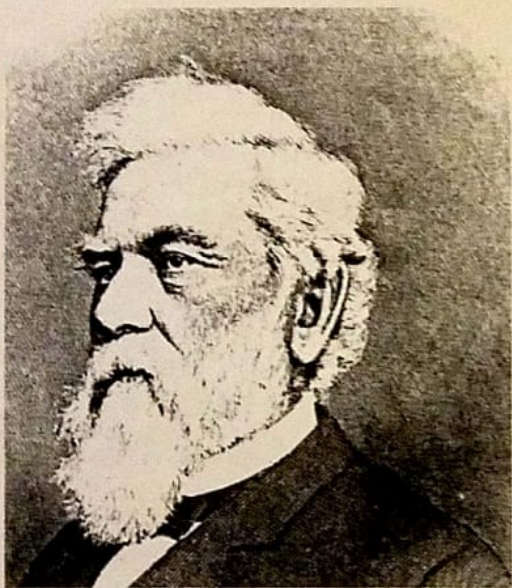
Department.

They are active members of the Palmetto United Methodist Church, where Carol, Joyce, and Mrs. Boykin are on the Administrative Board. Joyce is Church Treasurer, Carol is Youth Co-ordinator, and Cindy is Vice President of UMYF.

Submitted by Joyce Baker

Ballard Family

Levi Ballard 1833-1921



Levi Ballard, son of Joshua and Elizabeth Bryant Ballard, was born in Gwinnett County, Georgia, November 22, 1833. In his early manhood he taught school in his county. He married Sarah Harrison, daughter of Nathaniel and Sarah McConnell Harrison on December 19, 1861. He enlisted and served in the Confederate Army, 56th Regiment, Georgia Infantry.

After the War, Levi and Sarah settled on a tract just north of the present city limits of Palmetto, built the home where they reared their children and lived all the remainder of their lives. Of their children, four spent their adult lives in Palmetto: Villetta, married to Charles Benjamin Moseley; Cora, married to Thomas Park Arnold; Maude, married to Charles Wilson Hudson; and Jacob Howard, unmarried. Still living in Palmetto are Thomas E. Arnold, son of Cora, and Veleta Roan Morris, granddaughter of Villetta.

Ramah Baptist Church, built just south of and almost within a stone's throw of the Ballard Home, was the recipient of their religious life. The bodies of Levi and Sarah and several of their children lie in the churchyard cemetery.

Levi served in the State Legislature, and served as Vice-President of the Witham Bank of Palmetto, resigning that office to organize and serve as President of the Farmers Bank. J. H. Ballard, son of Levi, and then Ballard Hudson, grandson of Levi, succeeded to that office.

Ballard Hudson was the last of the family to occupy the old home place. After his death, October 10, 1976, the house stood vacant until sold to Dr. Dan Byrd, the present owner.

Submitted by Helen Hudson Smith
Granddaughter of Levi Ballard

Barfield Family

The more we study the Barfield family, the more we find those bearing the name marrying into other families. We know why the Barfields are listed among the substantial families of Palmetto.

Three brothers are known to have lived in this vicinity. Henry H. married Webby Perline Carroll, but little is known of their family.

Thomas Jefferson (Uncle Jeff) was born March 9, 1834, and died September 29, 1924. He married Mary

Frances Carroll, who was born September 3, 1837, and died July 23, 1910. They had a young girl and a teenage son (Little Jeffie) buried at New Hope. They and a married daughter are buried at Floral Hill Cemetery, Palmetto, but no grandchildren. Uncle Jeff owned 400 acres of land in Goodes community. He established a beautiful country home with a white picket fence. In 1900 he sold farm, mules, cows and all to Jimmy Shell and moved to Palmetto. He bought

acreage and a house which was at the time the oldest in Palmetto, a beautiful old home, made of brick. It stood where Magnolia Apartments on Toombs Street are now.

Jeff Barfield's name appears many times in Palmetto history as he was a business man, owning a partnership in a store in Palmetto. He had some peculiar ways, such as saving all bills large or small and storing them in barrels, and going to bed with his collar and tie on.

Alexander Barfield was born April 17, 1818, and died February 4, 1904. On November 27, 1842, he married Elizabeth Yates, who was born July 6, 1820, and died March 27, 1892. According to the 1860 census of Campbell county they had eight children. By

family recollections and church records they lived in the New Hope and Rico communities, but moved to Douglas County in 1880.

Sara Eidson Wilson's grandfather was one of these eight children, Alexander Polk. He was a citizen of Douglas County most of his life, but he lived in Palmetto until he married in 1874. Barfields were Christian farm people. Farming is a good life, but a hard life. They grew their own food, took little medicine, read their Bibles, thanked God for their blessings, and lived to be ninety.

Submitted by Sara Eidson Wilson

Jo and Jim Barfield

In 1975 Jo and Jim Barfield built their home on Old Rico Road near Palmetto. Jim had loved this farm since his high school days, when he would visit his grandparents, William Harrison and Millie E. Barfield, who had purchased the farm from H. P. Holley in 1935. The farm, known as the Davenport Place, was acquired by an uncle, W. A. Barfield, in the 40's. Jo and Jim bought it in 1955 with dreams of retiring "on the land" some day.

Jim was born in Atlanta on December 18, 1919, and named James Thomas Barfield, Jr. He married Josephine Morgan of Atlanta on June 14, 1941. Their first two years of marriage were spent on the Mercer University campus. Jo was Postmistress while Jim was Physical Director. Jim received his A. B. degree in 1943 and after World War II sold real estate with his father and was employed with the Atlanta Public School System for thirty years. Jim retired from the School System in 1975 and is now operating Barfield Realty Company in the Palmetto area and doing light farming.

Jo and Jim have three children: Clare B. Hilley, Lawrenceville; James Thomas Barfield, III, Stone Mountain; and Robert Morgan Barfield, Conyers. There are four fine grandchildren.

Jo and Jim are active members of the New Hope United Methodist Church. They were delighted to learn that a member and close friend, Sara Wilson, is related to them. Sara's grandfather was a Barfield.

When asked if they would like to go back to Sandy Springs: "Never," said Jo and Jim. "Palmetto is God's Country and the people are great."

Submitted by Jim Barfield



Jo and Jim Barfield

Eugene Wallace Barge Family

Eugene Wallace Barge was born February 9, 1935, to Tommie R. and Ila Wallace Barge. Gene's Mother died in 1946 and his father married Mildred Eller.

Gene attended school at Rico, Charles Riley and Campbell High. He worked part-time at Palmetto Standard Station.

On September 27, 1956, Gene married Alice Peek,

born May 14, 1938, to Charlie and Bessie Peek. They had grown up together in the same community, attending the same church. Gene and Alice were both baptized by the Reverend Forrest Garrard, Sr., and he also married them. Gene was an only child. Alice is from a family of ten children.

Alice attended school at Charles Riley and Camp-

bell High. She worked part-time at Alford's Department Store. After graduation she worked for Coastal States Insurance, Blue Plate Foods, and she is now employed by Fulton County Board of Education as clerk at M.P. Word School in Fairburn.

Gene and Alice have two sons. Tommy Lee Barge, who was born November 7, 1957 attended Rico Elementary and Palmetto High School. He worked part-time for his uncle at Jack Peek's Sales and Service. He also attended Data Control Institute to learn computer repair. He is now employed by N.C.R. at Peachtree City.

Philip Anthony Barge (Tony), was born March 22, 1962. He attended Rico and M.P. Word, and is now a

senior at Palmetto High. He works part-time for his uncle at Jack Peek's Sales and Service.

Gene worked at Southern Saw Service for several years. He then worked in Palmetto as policeman for a couple of years. He then went to College Park to work as a policeman. He worked there until his death on November 7, 1974. He was shot and killed as he was on his way to work. Recently there has been an arrest made of the person accused of being involved in his death.

The Barges are active members of Sardis Baptist Church.

Submitted by Alice Barge

Bobby Barnes Family



Bobby, Pat, Mike, Rhonda and Renee Barnes are shown in a recent photograph.

Robert Otis Barnes, Jr., (Bobby) was born in 1934 at his grandparents' home out from Palmetto. His parents are Annie Mae Eidson and Robert Otis Barnes, Sr. He has one sister, Sara Jean Barnes Gossett.

Bobby attended elementary school at Rico and Riley and graduated from Campbell High at Fairburn.

In 1953 he began working for Eastern Air Lines, where he is still employed.

In 1957 he married Patricia Ann Jenkins, from Palmetto. Pat worked for Fulton National Bank in Atlanta for about three years after they married and then became a housewife and mother. For two years they lived in a little house Pat's father built on Harris Street in Palmetto, but Bobby, being a country boy, bought a home on Hutcheson Ferry Road where they still live.

Pat and Bobby have three children: Rhonda, born in 1960; Renee, born in 1962; and Michael, born in 1968.

In 1973 Bobby and Pat formed a partnership with Pat's brother, Merriell Jenkins, and his wife, Carolyn. They all enjoy working together in their part-time business, Jenkins & Barnes Meat Processors, on Hutcheson Ferry Road.

Any spare time that Bobby has, he spends looking after the cows and the lakes on the farm. He also enjoys fishing with his son Mike.

Bobby, Pat, Rhonda, Renee and Mike are all members of Sardis Baptist Church.

Submitted by Pat Barnes

Charles Andrew Barnes Family

Charley Andrew Barnes was born November 11, 1878. His father was Robert S. Barnes, who was born May 7, 1836, and died August 19, 1901. His mother was Sara E. Barnes, who was born September 30, 1844, and died February 5, 1920. Both are buried at Sardis Baptist Church on Hutcheson Ferry Road west of Palmetto, Georgia.

Mary Cornelia (Mamie) Smith was born June 9, 1883, in Gordon County, Georgia. Her father was John Knox Smith, who was born October 3, 1843, and died November 26, 1913. On May 3, he married Lavonia Octavia Arnold, who was born November 27, 1847, and died March 10, 1889. They moved from Gordon County to Coweta County, Georgia, in 1885, and then into Campbell County, Georgia, in 1886. Both are buried in Palmetto.

Charley Barnes and Mamie Smith were married January 24, 1912. They had three sons: Charles Arnold, born March 20, 1914; Hugh Smith, born May 25, 1916; and John Robert, born February 23, 1918.

Charles Arnold married Irma Imogene Rodgers on November 11, 1938. They have two children, Charlotte and Charles.

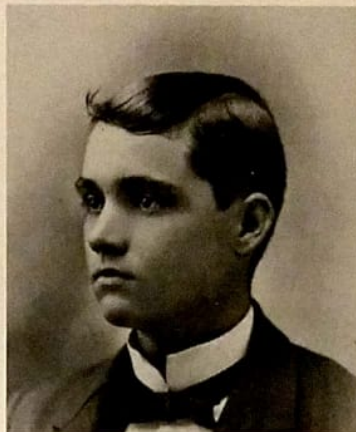
Hugh Smith married Catherine Elizabeth Goodwyn on April 18, 1941. They have two children, Elaine and

Nell. Hugh died in Charlotte, North Carolina, February 20, 1979.

John Robert married Ruth Hopkins on July 23, 1940. They have two children, Carol and Kenny.

Charley Andrew Barnes died March 23, 1926, and Mamie Barnes died October 4, 1961. Both are buried at Sardis Baptist Church.

Submitted by Ruth and Robert Barnes



Charles Andrew Barnes

John Robert Barnes Family

John Robert Barnes was born in Palmetto, Georgia, on February 23, 1918. His parents, Mamie Smith Barnes and Charley Andrew Barnes, had two other sons, Charles Arnold and Hugh Smith.

Ruth Hopkins was born October 14, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia. Her parents, Louise Carroll Hopkins and Denzil Bordene Hopkins, had four other children: James P., Denny, Nancy, and Joel H. In 1936 the Hopkinses moved to Palmetto.



Robert and Ruth Barnes are shown with their family in a photograph made in 1974.

On July 23, 1940, Ruth Hopkins and Robert Barnes were married.

On January 10, 1942, their daughter, Carol Roberta was born, and on August 5, 1944, their son, John Kenneth, was born. Ruth and Robert lived in the home built by Robert's father on Hutcheson Ferry Road until 1974, when they built a home just one and one-half miles away after Robert retired from Ford Motor Company.

Carol married William Jackson Creel, of Fairburn, on March 24, 1962. Their children, Christopher William, Amy Jo, and Jennifer Ruth, were born after they settled on Rico Road, where they are currently living.

John Kenneth married Patricia Annette Rivers, of Fairburn, on October 18, 1964. Their children, Jodi Patricia, John Sanford, and Matthew Denzil, were born while Kenny and Patsy lived temporarily in a trailer on the Barnes home place. They have since built a home on Atlanta-Newnan Road.

Robert, Ruth, Carol, Kenny, Bill and Patsy all graduated from Campbell High School in Fairburn.

Submitted by Ruth and Robert Barnes

Otis Barnes Family

Robert Otis Barnes, Sr., was born in 1901 in old Campbell county. He was one of eleven children born to Fulvia Leonia Gullatt and Robert Henry Barnes. Otis had three sisters: Jennie Lou Barnes Reeves, Louise Barnes Bearden, and Minnie Barnes Gentry. He had seven brothers: Henry, Tommie, Bennie, Ray, Louis, Roy and Duke.

In December, 1923, Otis married Annie Mae Eidson, of Palmetto. They had a double wedding ceremony with Otis' sister Minnie and Charlie Gentry.

Otis and Annie Mae have two children, Sara Jean and Bobby. Sara Jean lives in Marietta and is married to Howard Gossett. They have two girls. Bobby lives on Hutcheson Ferry Road in Palmetto. He and his wife, Pat, have three children.

In the early 1940's Otis and Annie Mae opened a country grocery store on Hutcheson Ferry Road and operated it for approximately thirty years. Besides operating the store Otis enjoyed raising cows. He also had two fishing lakes open to the public. Annie Mae enjoys sewing and growing flowers.

In December, 1973, Annie Mae and Otis Barnes and Minnie and Charlie Gentry celebrated their fiftieth double wedding anniversary.

In August, 1976, Otis passed away and was buried at Sardis Baptist Church Cemetery.

Annie Mae still lives in their home on Hutcheson Ferry Road which they have occupied for approximately forty years.

Submitted by Pat Barnes



In December, 1973, Annie Mae and Otis Barnes and Minnie and Charlie Gentry celebrated their 50th double wedding anniversary.

Berriman Thompson (B. T.) Barronton Family

Berriman Thompson (B. T.) Barronton was born June 12, 1907, in Coweta County, Georgia, the son of Jessie R. and Mary Rita (Mollie) Barronton. On August 16, 1925, he married Myrtice Lyons, who was born in Fayette County, Georgia, February 22, 1908.

B. T. and Myrtice had two sons. James Milton was born December 13, 1930, and died March 13, 1931. Another son, Bobby Theron, was born January 9, 1944. He married Martha Carter June 12, 1964, and they had two children: John Kenneth, born March 2, 1965; and Angelia Sherry, born January 31, 1970. Bob-

by is now married to Shirley Hester Holmes and they live in Morrow, Georgia. He has been working at Eastern Air Lines since 1965.

B. T. has lived in or near Palmetto since 1908. He worked at Palmetto Cotton Mills for a number of years and then worked at Eastern Air Lines from 1955 to 1972. After retiring from Eastern in 1972 he worked part time at Canongate Golf Course in Palmetto. Myrtice worked at Palmetto Cotton Mills for approximately twenty-five years.

As a child B. T. practiced with the fellows on the 1913 baseball team. Beginning at age fifteen, he played with the team until age forty. The manager of the team, A. J. Moss, organized a string instrument and vocal group. The group was twice invited to play for WSB radio at the old building on Forsyth Street. B. T. played the guitar, banjo, mandolin. He and Grady Phillips, playing the guitar and mandolin, won a contest involving Palmetto School and Newnan. Over WSB they won second place playing and singing, "I Left My Gal in the Mountains."

B. T. Barronton, on the left, and Plyman Landers, on the right, are shown in front of Woco-Pep Station in 1928. The Model T, on the left, belonged to Jim Robinson. The other two cars belonged to Ralph Goggins and Ballard Hudson.



Submitted by B. T. Barronton

George Barronton

A personal history of Palmetto is not complete without mention of one of its most beloved citizens, George Barronton.

George did not know racial, social nor age barriers. He loved everybody, and everybody loved him. He was the first in town to know the new baby's name. He visited the sick, and sometimes to their bewilderment, he was among the first to welcome newcomers into the community.

Yes, George was mentally handicapped, but being unaware of the situation, he felt no disadvantage and proceeded with his activities. He met the employees of the Palmetto Cotton Mill on Friday at the mill gate and collected from those he had selected as his debtors, giving each a scribbled credit in his tablet.

Clad in a cast-off police cap, George often assisted Officer Irvin "Babe" Bentley at the school crossing. His stage or pulpit was a streetcorner "downtown" where he blew his harmonica, sang, danced, preached, and then took up collection, accepting only coins, for paper money was "no good."

Ramah Baptist Church was his home church, but he often visited others, both black and white—especially for homecomings. He visited many of his friends each day, usually stopping to rest from his walk on "Miss Jodie" Turner's or "Miss Fannie" Johnston's front porch.

It seemed as if the whole town paused when George died, to say good-bye to one who had, in a child-like way, taught his fellow citizens what it means to "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself."

Submitted by Lois Cooper Spillers, a friend



George Barronton "cooling off" at his favorite spot—his mother's front porch.

J.R. Barronton Family

Jesse Rufus Barronton (1875-1933) and Mary Etta (Mollie) Ferrell Barronton (1875-1963) were married in Coweta County in 1895. They moved between 1907-1910 to the Palmetto area, where he farmed most of his life. For several years he was with Palmetto Textile Mills as watchman and maintenance man. They had a family of five boys and four girls.

Lester C., who was born June 1897, and died September, 1975, married Alice Graffius and they had two daughters, Florence and Joann. Lester served thirty-one and one-half years in the U.S. Army, serving during World War I and World War II. He retired with rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

E. Earl, who was born in August of 1899 and died in March of 1979, married Lillie Mae Morris and they had one daughter, Dorothy. Earl later married Evelyn Dalrymple. He retired from the Atlanta Journal Constitution after forty years of service.

W. Deward, who was born in February of 1901 and died in August of 1975, married Vergie Ellington, and they had one son, Neal. Deward retired from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution after forty-two years of service.

Lillie B., who was born in August of 1902 and died in January of 1974, married Fred Phillips, and they

had one son, L.C.

M. Lucille was born in September of 1904 and died in May of 1907.

Berriman T., who was born in 1907 married Myrtice Lyons.

George R., was born in April of 1910 and died in September of 1967.

Lena, who was born in August of 1912, married Plymon L. Landers.

Florence, who was born in December of 1915, married Bernie L. Lloyd, and they have four sons: Larry, Ronald, David and Steve.

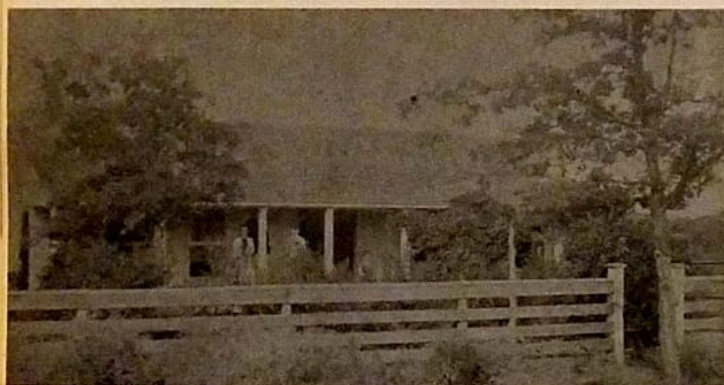
At this writing the remaining three Barronton children are living in Palmetto.

Submitted by Mrs. P.L. Landers

Jessie R. and Mary (Mollie) Barronton are shown with their children: Earl, Lillie, Lester, Lucille and Deward in 1906.



John Benjamin Bassell Family



Home of John Benjamin and Elizabeth Sydnor Bassel.

Elizabeth Sydnor Davenport, daughter of William and Elizabeth Sydnor Andrew Davenport, was born January 31, 1838. She married John Benjamin Bassel, who was born April 15, 1839 and died December 11, 1880.

Their children were Annie, born March 6, 1866; William Andrew, who was born 1868 and married Edith Rogers; Charles Byrom, who was born October 27, 1871, and married Ella Hilton; and Benjamin, who was born September 16, 1875, and married Gertrude Lee Straughan.

This family moved to Texas. Elizabeth Sydnor Bassel died April 10, 1926.

Submitted by Nellie Keith

Clyde Thomas Bates Family

Clyde Thomas Bates was born in Palmetto on April 19, 1919. He was the son of George Augustus and Henrietta Kennington Bates. He had one brother, Lorenzo Bates, now deceased, and two sisters: Kathryn Clark of Augusta, Georgia, and Myrtle Dennis of Palmetto. He graduated from Campbell High and Crighton's Business College. He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the South Pacific Theater for four years. He received the Silver Star for gallantry while serving on Guadalcanal. He entered the Railway Mail Service in 1945 and retired as a rural letter carrier in 1974.

Dorothy Jackson Bates was born to Joseph William and Geneive Slatten Jackson on March 30, 1924, in Palmetto. She graduated from Valdosta State College in 1945 and has taught in the Fulton County School System for twenty-three years.

They were married on June 16, 1946, in Palmetto and have continued to make their home here. They are both members of the Palmetto Baptist Church.

They have two children: Clyde Thomas Bates, Jr.,

born November 23, 1948; and Debra Lynn Casper, born October 2, 1950.

Tom graduated from the University of Georgia in Forestry after serving four years in the U. S. Air Force, one year of which was spent in Viet Nam. He married Sheryl Andrea Sandiford, of Cliftondale, on March 15, 1969. They have one child, Melanie Leigh Bates, born October 20, 1977. He is employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and they live in Norris, Tennessee.

Debra graduated from Berry College in Rome, Georgia, and received her M. A. Degree in Library Science from Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee. She married Ronald Jerome Casper on March 22, 1975. He has entered the ministry and is now studying at Emory Theological School while serving as a Methodist minister in the North Georgia Conference.

Submitted by Mrs. C. T. Bates

George Augustus Bates Family



George A. Bates

George Augustus Bates was born November 22, 1878 in River Falls, Wisconsin. He had four sisters, one brother, and one half-sister. He moved to Hartwell, Georgia with his family at the age of sixteen. In 1898 he volunteered for the army to serve in the Spanish-American War. Around 1900 he moved to Atlanta and went to work for the Exposition Cotton Mills.

He married Henrietta Kennington on April 10, 1905. They had two children born in Atlanta, Lorenzo on April 17, 1907, and Kathryn on February 23, 1909.

In February 1919, they moved to Palmetto, where two other children were born, Clyde Thomas on April 29, 1919, and Myrtle Samantha on July 1, 1922. They have six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

While in Palmetto, he worked as Secretary-Treasurer for the Palmetto Cotton Mills until his retirement in 1949. He also served as Mayor of Palmetto for awhile and was Town Recorder for a number of years. He was fondly called "Judge Bates" by his friends. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than fifty years. He died October 2, 1956 and is

buried at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Henrietta Kennington Bates was born in Edgefield, South Carolina on February 26, 1884. She had three brothers and four sisters. She was a member of the Palmetto Garden Club for many years and she also belonged to the Better Home Town Club and the Town and Country Home Economics Club. She is still living and is the oldest resident of Palmetto.

Submitted by Clyde T. Bates

Lorenzo Bates Family

Lorenzo Bates was the son of George Augustus and Henrietta Kennington Bates. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 17, 1907. He had one brother, Clyde Thomas Bates, of Palmetto, and two sisters, Kathryn Clark, of Augusta, and Myrtle Dennis, of Palmetto. He moved with his family to Palmetto in 1919. He died in 1973 and is buried in Holly Hill Cemetery.

He graduated from Palmetto High School in 1924 and went to work with the Palmetto Cotton Mills, where he worked for twenty-seven years. He then went to work as an inspector for the Navy until his retirement in 1969. He joined the Masons at the age of twenty-one and became the youngest Worshipful Master of the Palmetto Lodge No. 74 in the State of Georgia. He was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Shriner, a member of the Yaarab Temple, and a Past Worthy Patron of the Palmetto Eastern Star.

Vivian Thornton Bates was born in Atlanta, Georgia,

on December 6, 1909, the daughter of Bettie A. Snyder and Ernest C. Thornton. She graduated from College Park High in 1927. Prior to their marriage, she worked for Southern Bell Telephone Company as a Service Representative. They were married in November 1935 and came to Palmetto to live. They were both charter members of the Palmetto O.E.S. and active in the Palmetto Methodist Church. She began the Kindergarten Program in Palmetto and at one time served as Worthy Matron of the O.E.S.

They had one child, Bettye Kathryn Bates, born January 1, 1937. She graduated from Georgia State University and married Paul Johnson Roberts in 1959. They have two children: Paul Johnson Roberts, Jr., born in 1964, and Vivian Beth Roberts, born in 1967. They now reside in California.

Submitted by Mrs. Lorenzo Bates

Beckman Family

John Theodore Beckman was born July 31, 1840, in Mecklenburg, Germany. He came to the United States about the year 1850 and settled in South Carolina. He met Beta Klatte from Aiken, South Carolina and they were married in Charleston. She was born in Hamburg, Germany. They settled in Palmetto, where he became a prominent merchant.

On December 1, 1869, he purchased from the Menefee estate the land located at the southeast corner of what is now known as Cobb and Church streets and built the house that is still standing and remains in the family. He was a council member of the first municipal government and was active in Masonic work. She died April 25, 1907, and he died December 23, 1921.

They had seven children. Lily and John died as infants. Doris, born January 10, 1871, married F. W.

Schwettmann and settled in Charleston, South Carolina.

Henry was born March 23, 1875 and died April 19, 1922. He never married, and he worked for the local telephone company.

Ida, born July 25, 1887, married Lionel A. Remfry and settled in Jackson, Mississippi.

Louise, who was born December 7, 1880, died October 28, 1938. She married Joseph A. Dennis on December 31, 1912, and settled in Palmetto.

William (Bill) Beck was born July 23, 1882, and died June 29, 1962. He never married. He farmed and was in the restaurant business in Palmetto.

Submitted by J. A. Dennis

William Brittain (Bill) Belyeu Family

Bill, the youngest son of John Altai and Alberta Brittain Belyeu, was born January 31, 1928. He attended Charles E. Riley Elementary and Campbell High School, from which he graduated. Shortly after graduation he joined the Navy for four years. Six months before his discharge, while home on leave, he saw Nell Richardson, youngest daughter of Matt and Opal Richardson (See Levi Matthew Richardson Family). The scene of this meeting was a tragedy, as folk had gathered to see the aftermath of an accident involving the overturn of a cattle truck at a local service station. After a two and a half year courtship, during which Bill completed military service and attended West Georgia College and the University of Georgia in Atlanta, Nell and Bill were married on February 2, 1951.

Residing in Palmetto, the couple had one child, Gail Louise, born August 14, 1952, in the Newnan Hospital. Shortly after that, they moved to Atlanta to be nearer Bill's employment. On December 31, 1956, they purchased and moved into their new home in

Dekalb County. Here were born Bruce Richardson, July 5, 1955; Barry Brittain, September 16, 1957; Joan Dianne, May 15, 1963.

Bill was a quiet man who enjoyed, with his family, the simple pleasures such as fishing. Soon after Joan was born Bill found that he had heart problems. This, coupled with previous back surgery, curtailed his activities. As a salesman he provided for his family's needs, but his leisure time was spent on the patio watching his children at play or sitting by the creek watching the rippling flow.

An untimely death took Bill from his young family on June 6, 1968, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Atlanta.

Saddened, the family of William Brittain Belyeu moved back to Palmetto and bought the home built by Nell's father in 1919. Her father, Matt, resided with them until his death in 1971. In 1970 Nell remarried (SEE RALPH ASTIN FAMILY).

Submitted By Nell Belyeu Astin, Wife

Grover C. Bentley Family

Grover Cleveland Bentley was born June 15, 1893, in Oak Mountain (Carroll County), Georgia. His family moved to Palmetto in 1902, and except for a few years when he lived and worked in Griffin, Georgia, Grover C. lived in Palmetto until his death, March 28, 1970. He was married to Mary Turner, who was born February 27, 1898 and died November 15, 1941, and they had four children: Jack Aaron, Bobby Lee, Grover Franklin, and Mary Martha Ann. He was Chief of Police for old Campbell County until it merged into Fulton County January 1, 1932.

One son, Jack Aaron, still lives in Palmetto. He was born July 8, 1915, in Griffin, Georgia. He married Audrey Morris on December 21, 1935. Audrey, daughter of Minnie Bartlett and William George Morris, was

born in Whitesburg (Carroll County), Georgia. They have two sons, Jack Aaron, Jr., and William (Bill) Gene. Jack, Jr., is married to Susan Kite of Newnan, Georgia, and he has three children: Sharon Layne, of Huntsville, Alabama; Jay Scott; and Mallory Erin. Bill is married to Deborah Hoffman, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Jack operated the old Pure Oil Service Station for six years and then went to work for Ford Motor Company in 1951; he retired March 1, 1978. Audrey worked for the City of Palmetto as a Kindergarten Teacher for twenty years, retiring June 1, 1972.

Submitted by Jack A. Bentley

James A. Bentley Family

James and Jean Bentley with Baby Doris, taken when Jean was a polio patient, April 13, 1950.



James Andrew Bentley was born at Palmetto, Georgia, on January 10, 1924, to Robert Lee and Sally Warr Bentley. He attended school in Palmetto and Smith-Hughes School in Atlanta. He has been employed by The Atlanta and West Point-Georgia Railroads since 1943 and is Assistant to the Chief Mechanical Officer and Purchasing Agent. He married Clara Jean Smith on January 11, 1945. Jean was born at Palmetto on September 16, 1926, to Taylor and Clara Tolbert Smith. She attended Riley School, Campbell High and Georgia State College. In 1950 she was stricken with poliomyelitis. A special prayer service for her life and that of the unborn baby was held at the Pal-

metto Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, Carl J. Mowell. After the baby was born, Jean was transferred to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation for treatment. She was appointed Palmetto postmaster in 1953 and was selected 1976 Handicapped Postal Employee of the Year.

Jim has been active in the civic affairs of the community. He has served as a councilman and mayor of Palmetto. He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club, has held various offices in the Fulton County and State Republican Party, and has been on the Advisory Council for the Small Business Administration and the Fulton County Board of Education.

Jim and Jean have two children: James A. Jr. (Drew), born September 20, 1948, and Doris Emily, born April 12, 1950. Drew and Doris attended Riley School, Campbell High School and West Georgia College. Drew is married to the former Deborah T. Miller and lives in Forsyth, Georgia, where he is employed by West Georgia Equipment Company. Doris is employed by the Fulton County Board of Education and teaches at Palmetto Elementary School and lives in Union City, Georgia.

Submitted by Jean Bentley

Robert Lee Bentley Family

Benjamin Franklin Warr married Judy Bethel Cleveland, September 17, 1863. They settled in Fayette County, Georgia, around the middle 1860's. One of their ten children was Sally Ann, born February 8, 1886. This sketch concerns her and her family.

Robert Lee Bentley, son of William Robert Bentley and Mary Jane Hunter, was born in Carroll County, June 5, 1883. He married Sally Ann Warr, August 14, 1904, in Palmetto, Georgia.

Lee and Sally, as they were known by their friends, had thirteen children. They were Robert W., Thelma Naomie, Mae Belle, Vera L., Fred T., Leola, Charles, James, Joe, Riley and Mildred.

They raised all of their children in Ramah Baptist Church. Their home is still standing at the corner of Main street and Harris.

Lee was a textile worker, and for many years he was the shop foreman and in charge of the boiler room at the Palmetto Cotton Mill until his retirement.

Sally will always be remembered as a fine Christian lady, and her thirty-one grandchildren will always remember the good times and all the love at Mamaw's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley are buried at Ramah cemetery. He died September 21, 1949, and she died September 11, 1970.

Submitted by Mrs. Gail Porterfield Turner



Lee and Sally Bentley

Fred Thomas Bentley, Jr., Family

Fred Thomas Bentley, Jr., was born on December 28, 1938. He is the son of Ernestine Hill Bentley and the late Fred Thomas Bentley, Sr., of Palmetto, Georgia. Tommy has one sister, Peggy Turner, who lives in Fairburn, Georgia. Tommy graduated from Campbell High School. He is employed by American Can Company and is an active member of the Palmetto Volunteer Fire Department. He is a Past Master of the Palmetto Masonic Lodge No. 74 and a member of Palmetto Baptist Church.

Sara Lourene Grubbs was born in Palmetto on September 28, 1944. She is the second of five children of Theodore (Slim) and Margaret Grubbs. The other children are Beverley Johnston, and David Grubbs of Palmetto, Linda Almond of Alpharetta, and Karen Lambert of Madras. Sara graduated from Campbell High School and then attended West Georgia College in Carrollton, Georgia, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1966 and a Master's degree in 1976. She has been em-

ployed by the Fulton County Board of Education since 1966 and is presently teaching at Charles E. Riley in Palmetto, Georgia. Sara is a member of Palmetto Baptist Church, where she is an assistant Sunday School teacher and a member of the church choir.

Sara and Tommy were married in Palmetto on April 8, 1966. They have two children: Stephanie, seven years old, and Freddie, four years old.

Submitted by Sara G. Bentley

Sara and Tommy Bentley are pictured with their children Freddie and Stephanie.



Robert Earl and Kathryn Wilson Blalock

Sarah Kathryn Wilson, daughter of T.D. and Sara Eidson Wilson, married Robert Earl Blalock, son of the late Fred Howell Blalock and Flora Bell English on February 27, 1965. They have two sons: Joel Robert, born June 9, 1967, and Russell Daniel, born February 24, 1971. The family are members at New Hope Methodist Church.

Robert was born in Clayton, Georgia, September 28, 1941, and is a descendant of the Cherokee Indians, his Grandmother Blalock having been a full blooded Cherokee Indian. After the death of his father in 1947, Robert's mother married Irvin Floyd Cannon, and the family farmed and raised chickens for a living. He attended Tallulah Falls Boarding School, and is a graduate of Rabun County High School. He is employed at Sears, Roebuck and Company in Atlanta and has been with them nineteen years.

Kathryn was born in Atlanta February 17, 1938, and was raised on a poultry and cattle farm on Hearn Road in Palmetto. She attended Riley Elementary School and is a graduate of Campbell High School in Fairburn. She worked for several years in banking, and is presently employed with West Georgia Equipment Company Inc., in Palmetto.

The family enjoys church activities, camping, fishing, hunting, gardening, and their farm animals. Joel

plays baseball and collects baseball cards and stamps. Russell collects cactus and dinosaurs and enjoys Benjamin, his black cat.

Robert, Kathryn and their children live at 7605 Hearn Road, Palmetto. Their children are the fourth generation to live on this property. They are the sixth generation to attend New Hope Methodist Church.

Submitted by Kathryn Wilson Blalock



Robert, Kathryn, Joel and Russell Blalock.

William H. Blissett

William Henry Blissett was born on March 30, 1870, at the edge of the Okefenokee Swamp in extreme south Georgia. He was the oldest child of William A. Blissett and Martha E. Doyal, who were married in Spalding County, Georgia, on May 15, 1869. On December 25, 1887, in Campbell County, William Henry married Lilla Virginia Casey. He was seventeen at the time, and she, thirteen. They lived most of their mar-

ried lives in the Rico community and were members of the Providence Baptist Church. William Henry died on December 19, 1924, and is buried at the Rico Cemetery. His wife died December 9, 1942.

William Henry and Lilla Virginia were the parents of seven girls and one boy: Nora (deceased February 18, 1975) married Burnett Smith, and they had seven children: three boys and four girls. Estelle (deceased

January 30, 1976) married Mannie C. Reeves, Sr., and they had one girl and two boys. Ollie Dell (deceased February 15, 1977) married Ulva Parker and they had one boy and one girl. Lillie Mae (living in Garden City, Louisiana) married Horace Brown and they had two boys. Willie (living in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida) married Claxton Spain and they had one boy and one girl. After his death she married Harold Woods. After his death she married Fred Anderson. Haydon (living in College Park, Georgia) married Rossie Lee Moore and they had two boys. Prather (living in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida) married Dewey (Bob) Robinson and they had two boys. After his death she married Lou Dorrie. Ruby Nelle (living in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida) married James Vogelaar.

Lon L. Blissett, a brother of William Henry, lived for a time in Campbell County, where he married Dora Demonia on January 5, 1898. They later lived in Soperton and then Savannah.



This picture of the Blissett children was taken December 9, 1942. The children are Mrs. Nora Smith, Mrs. Estelle Reeves, Mrs. Ollie Parker, Mrs. Lillie Mae Brown, Mrs. Willie Anderson, Haydon Blissett, Mrs. Prather Dorrie, Mrs. Nellie Vogelaar.

Submitted by Larry Cauthen and Evelyn Reeves Mauldin

William Ralph Bobo Family

Following graduation from Theological Seminary, Ralph, his wife, the former Genelle (Nell) Tant, their two and one-half year old son, William Richard moved to Palmetto in January of 1958. They spent thirteen wonderful years in Palmetto.

Upon arriving, they discovered that Ralph's ancestors, the Hopkins, were buried in the Ramah Church cemetery, where he was pastoring. Their graves are outstanding in looks, being covered by mound-molded cast iron with ornate trimming, and located adjacent to the oak trees on the east boundary facing railroad tracks. After finding this genealogical connection, they also discovered that he had living relatives in Ramah Church, one of these being Mrs. Roy Thompson, the former Druscilla Hopkins.

Personal grief came to the Bobo's in Palmetto when their infant son, Thomas David, was born with an inoperable heart defect. God called David home June 17, 1964.

Richard was educated at Charles E. Riley School

and Woodward Academy, College Park, and was involved in many local activities of the community. Being an exceptionally musically talented child, Richard was and is well known in the Palmetto area for his performance. Holding a psychology degree from Shorter College, he is presently pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Nell and Ralph were holders of various offices in community, school, church and civic organizations. She is a native of Hiram Georgia and was educated at Hiram High and Berry College. Ralph was born in Douglasville, Georgia, and graduated from Douglas County High, Mercer University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

The Bobos moved to First Baptist Church, Watkinsonville, Georgia in October of 1970.

Submitted by the Reverend William Ralph Bobo

James Spencer Bomar Family

James Spencer Bomar, Jr., descendant of William Bomar and John Henley Varner, purchased a portion of the John Varner land settled in 1828. James hoped to retire to this land.

Because of James' untimely death in 1946, his widow, Helen Collins Bomar, two sons, James Spencer III

and Vivion Collins, and a daughter, Harriettanne, moved to the farm. Helen was employed by the Fulton County Board of Education as a teacher in the Charles Riley School in Palmetto and later as principal of Harris Street School in East Point and M. P. Word school in Fairburn. She retired in 1979.

James, Collins and Harrietanne were active in 4-H Club work. James was Fulton County's first National 4-H Club winner with his soil conservation program. James was also awarded the Bishop and Poe cup at his graduation from Campbell High School, and Collins received the Journal Loving Cup. James is a graduate of Georgia Tech, and Collins is a graduate of Georgia State University.

James is married to the former Carolyn Young and has one son, James Spencer IV. They live in Atlanta,

where James is a pilot for Delta Airlines. Collins married Kathryn Gaines and they have two children, Stephanie and Scott. He lives in Peachtree City and is a pilot for Eastern Airline. Harrietanne married Wade Arrington of Palmetto and has one son, Edward. Wade is an electrician.

Helen married William A. Selman in 1959. He died in 1971, and she is now living on the family farm.

Submitted by Helen Selman

Benjamin T. Bomar Family

Benjamin T. Bomar, born 1852, married Louella Mason in 1875. They were living in the Enon Church community at the time. After living in Alabama and Douglas County, Georgia, they came to the Hugh Johnson farm near Palmetto in 1902. Interstate 85 and Collinsworth Road now run through the home site.

They had twelve children, some of whom, along with their parents united with Ramah Church. The father was accepted as a deacon.

The father was a farmer and also a musician and taught singing schools in many local churches and in surrounding areas. Several of the children became musicians, including Richard, who, after becoming a music teacher several years later, taught his children.

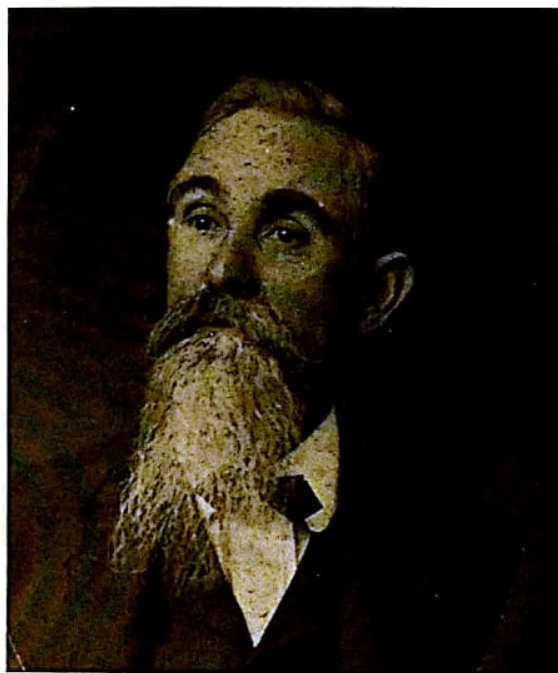
Seventeen years later Benjamin Bomar and wife moved to Fayette County, and then to Newnan, where they died. He died in 1924 and she in 1935. They are buried at Enon Church.

Their only living daughter, Mrs. H. P. (Bonnie) Shell, resides near Sharpsburg, next door to her son Jerrell. Their only living son Ralph, his wife Edna Mae, and their daughters, Mrs. T. J. (Lucile) Mann and Mrs. Lewis (Kathryn) Collinsworth and families, reside in Palmetto.

Richard Bomar and Willie Jackson were married January 17, 1909, by the Reverend R. C. Rhodes, the Ramah pastor. They had two sons, D. Harold and Archie C. Richard died in 1960, followed by wife in 1964, and both are buried at Ramah. Archie died an accidental death in 1969, leaving his wife, the former Christine Stephens, sons Steve and Richard, and daughter Carole.

Harold and his wife, the former Clara Peek, reside on Williams Road, Palmetto. Their son Harold, Jr., and his wife, Janice, reside next door. He has two sons, Chris and Michael.

Submitted by Harold Bomar, Sr.



Benjamin T. Bomar
1852-1924

RICHARD P. BOMAR FAMILY



Richard P. and Willie (Jackson) Bomar
on their wedding day, January 17, 1909

Russell Bowen Family

Russell Bowen, youngest son of Vesta Mae Blair Bowen and the late Harvey Bowen, Sr., and Helen Ann Boynton Bowen, youngest daughter of Lizzie Mae Lyons Boynton and the late Charles Reid Boynton, was born, raised and have lived in Palmetto all of their lives.

Both attended Charles E. Riley School and graduated from Campbell High School, Fairburn.

They have two children, Lucy Jane and Larry Russell Bowen. Both also attended Charles E. Riley School. Lucy graduated from Campbell High School in 1970. Larry graduated from Palmetto High School in 1975. Russell, Helen, Lucy and Larry were all taught by Mrs. Myrtice Goggins Bradley when each was in the second grade and by Mrs. Clarice Johnston Kearns in the fourth grade while attending Charles E. Riley School. Larry is married to the former Mary Su-

san Goode, youngest daughter of Harry Kenneth and Mary Frances Waldrop Goode.

Russell, Helen, Lucy and Larry are members of Ramah Baptist Church, Palmetto, while Susan is a member of Friendship Baptist Church, Palmetto. Russell was employed by B.F. Goodrich Company from November 30, 1949, until his death on January 11, 1979, from a heart attack. At the time of his death, he was Operations Manager at 23 Courtland Street, Atlanta. Helen is employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Palmetto. Lucy is employed by Brownell Electro, Incorporated, Hapeville, Georgia. Larry is employed by Kawasaki Motors Corporation, Atlanta. Susan is now employed by Fulton Schools as a clerk at Westwood High School. She was formerly employed by the F.A.A. for four and one-half years.

Submitted by Helen Bowen

James Emmanuel and Alice Boyd

Emmanuel Boyd, as he was known in Palmetto, moved to Palmetto from Newnan, Georgia, in the year 1907. He worked and established himself here as a blacksmith. A year later he was joined by his wife, Alice D. Boyd.

From 1907 until the mid thirties he operated a blacksmith shop owned by C. C. Smith, owned later by Joe Hutson, and finally by Lester Gentry. He died in 1941.

The first home they purchased was located on the corner of Jackson and Center Streets. Alice Boyd worked in this area for many people, including C. B. Moseley, J. W. Jackson, E. B. Hutson, and others.

Alice and Emmanuel did not have any children of their own, but they raised seven, including Harry

Reese, Audrey Beavers, Mattie L. Webb, Concheta Beadles, and W. L. Boyd, all of Palmetto; Frances Boyd, of Atlanta; and George Dyer, of Augusta, Georgia.

After Vollie Thomas' family was deceased, she moved in with the family of Alice Boyd and was loved by all.

After Alice died in 1971, Vollie Thomas stayed with the family until her death in 1976. Vollie was loved by all and was known as "Aunt Vollie." Memories of these will live on thru generations.

Submitted by Concheta Beadles

Charles Reid Boynton Family

Mr. C. R. Boynton is spotted as Number Two in the "Odd Fellow Personality" of the Union City Lodge Number 289. Mrs. Boynton poses with him at their home.



Charles Reid Boynton, second son of Charles Yancey Boynton (1869-1915) and Lula Bryant Boynton (1872-1930), both of Coweta County, and Lizzie Mae Lyons, second daughter of John L. Lyons (1860-1925) and Cuma Etta Slaton Lyons (1875-1957) both of Fayette County, were married on October 14, 1924.

They moved to Palmetto shortly after their marriage and have lived here since. Both were employed by Palmetto Cotton Mills and then by Linway Manufacturing Company.

They have two daughters: Mary Edna, who married James Paul Watson, and Helen Ann, who married Russell Bowen. They also have two grandchildren, Lucy Jane and Larry Russell Bowen.

Reid was a member of the Woodmen of the World Society and a member of the L.A. Cannady Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 289 of Union City, Georgia.

Both Reid and Lizzie Mae are members of Ramah

Baptist Church, where he was Sunday School and Church Chorister for many, many years.

Reid died on June 28, 1967, from heart failure. Lizzie Mae still lives in Palmetto.

Submitted by Helen B. Bowen

Elija W. Boynton Family

Elija W. Boynton, who was born in 1838 and died in 1906, married Martha C. Dunn, who was born in 1836 and died in 1908.

Elija and Martha lived on Sims Street in Palmetto. They had five sons: John Boynton, Richard Boynton, Jack Boynton, Hill Boynton, and Charlie Y. Boynton. Charles Y. Boynton was born July 10, 1869, and died October 9, 1915. They all were members of Ramah Baptist Church.

Charles and his wife had three girls and four boys. Willie Mae was born March 26, 1895, and died July 10, 1957. She married Dewey Haygood, of Palmetto. Edith Talulah was born in 1892 and died in 1966. She married Ellis Pennington Duncan. Mary Lee was born September 30, 1912, and died in 1978. She first married Yancy Peek, and later married Lewis Crowley of Atlanta, Georgia. C. R. Boynton was born in 1903 and died in 1967. He married Lizzie Mae Lyons, of Palmetto. Gordon A. Boynton was born in 1910 and married Jessie Mae Pollard. He still lives on Cranford Street in Palmetto. Noah Boynton was born in 1908 and died in 1967. He was married to Minnie Postell. John T. Boynton was born in 1900 and died in 1974.

John married Julia Parks. They all lived in Palmetto, and worked in the textile mill, and attended Ramah Baptist Church.

Submitted by Martha Purdee, daughter of John and Julia Boynton



Gordon Boynton is shown in a photograph taken on Cranford Street.

John T. Boynton Family

John T. Boynton was the only son of John and Julia Boynton. At an early age he served in the United States Army here in the states and in Germany. For four years he was married to Betty L. Oliver of Palmetto, Georgia. They had two children, Rebecca Lynn and Timothy Chris. Rebecca was married to Matthew Roberson. She now lives in LaGrange, Georgia. Tim is married to Barbara Allen, of Newnan, Georgia. Their home is in Turin, Georgia. John is at the present married to Christine Strickland, of Newnan, Georgia. He has one step-daughter, Yvonne Taylor of LaGrange, Georgia. John and Christine have one daughter, Angie, and three sons: Jeffery, Obie, and Jason. The family lives in Turin, Georgia. John was employed at the William L. Bonnell Company in Newnan, Georgia, for nearly twenty-three years, but he is now disabled.



J. T. Boynton

Submitted by J. T. Boynton

Martha L. Boynton

The daughter of John T. Boynton and Julia Parks Boynton, Martha L. Boynton was born April 24, 1934 on Hill Street in Palmetto, Georgia. She attended Charles E. Riley School in Palmetto. She also attended Campbell High in Fairburn, Georgia. In 1951 she married James E. Winkles of Sargent, Georgia. He served in the U. S. Army, and also worked in the Palmetto Textile Mill for three years. They had one son, James David Winkles, in 1954. He is buried at Ramah Church at Palmetto, Georgia. They were members of Ramah Sunday School and Church. James worked for Arrow Shirt Company in 1957 and lived on Brooks Street. He is still employed there and lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

Martha worked for W. T. Grant Company for seven years at East Point, Georgia, as cashier and supervisor. She married Johnny Purdee of Alamo, Georgia. They were married for ten years. He has worked in Ext. He is presently employed by Radar as sales manager of East Point, Georgia. He now lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Martha Boynton lives in Newnan, Georgia. She has one child, Crystal Dawn, born June 1, 1973. Crystal goes to kindergarten at Maggie Brown. Martha

has worked for R. A. Brown Company of Newnan, Georgia, from 1971 until the present time.

Submitted by Martha Boynton



Johnny and Martha Boynton Purdee

A. B. Bradley Family



Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bradley and Bernice-1914

Mr. Aucie B. Bradley was born April 24, 1888, in Bremen, Georgia, and died January 23, 1938. Mrs. Caudie Smith Bradley was born in Bremen, Georgia, February 22, 1888, and died January 8, 1969. They were married in 1908. While in Bremen and Waco, Georgia the following children were born: Bernice in Bremen, March 2, 1911; Murray in Bremen, July 15, 1913; and Herman (Freck) in Waco, August 3, 1915.

The family moved in 1916 from Bremen, where A. B. Bradley was employed by Southern Railroad, to Highway 92, Fairburn, Georgia. While in Fairburn he was employed by A. and WP Railroad.

Lynn Broadus was born October 10, 1917. Lucile was born July 31, 1919.

Mr. Bradley was transferred to La Grange, Georgia in 1921 as Section Foreman.

Juanita was born December 8, 1922, in La Grange. Mr. Bradley was transferred to Palmetto in 1925, known as the Dry Year. One year later, in March 1926, Juanita was burned to death by falling in an open fireplace.

All other children are living and live in Palmetto, Georgia except Lucile, who lives in Miami, Florida.

Submitted by L. B. Bradley

Herman "Freck" Bradley

Herman C. Bradley was born August 3, 1915, in Waco, Georgia. He moved from there to Fairburn and thence to LaGrange. The family moved to Palmetto in 1925, the dry year.

Palmetto lost its high school in 1932 because of consolidation and he graduated in the first consolidated class at Campbell High in Fairburn. There were sixty-five graduates in the class.

He worked at C. B. Moseley Company for about two years and then joined the Navy in September of 1935. He went to China in 1936, covering most of the Chinese Coast. There he saw a good bit of the War between China and Japan.

"Freck" came out of the Navy in 1939 and went to work for Atlanta Gas Light Company. When World War II began, he served another four years on five different ships, one being a minesweeper in the Normandy Invasion. For this he received the Bronze Star. At the War's end he was in the middle of the Pacific heading for Japan on an Allied Transport with troops that they had picked up in Marseille, France.

Freck left the ship in Manila and came back to New Orleans on a slow cargo ship. Since the trip took fifty-two days, he thought that he would never get home. He went back to work at Atlanta Gas Light, but did not like it.

Marion Morris gave Broadus and Freck a chance to take over C. B. Moseley Company and they grabbed at it.

The first week they did a total of four hundred dollars worth of business. Since they had not been in business during the war, they had no allocation and could get only two cases of Coca Colas a week and twelve pounds of bacon. Trying to feed a wife and young son on \$25.00 a week was not easy.

They converted the store to self service in 1950, and it was the first self service store in Palmetto. They moved to the present location in 1960.

One of the high lights of Freck's life was playing in the Pro Am of an L P G A sponsored tournament at Canongate Golf Club with Carol Mann, who is one of the lady greats in golf and who the previous year at Canongate with unimproved lie shot a course record at that time of 66-66-67.

Freck married Jennie Latham on August 1, 1942, in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. She is from Fairburn and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Latham. The Bradleys have three children: Lynn Latham, born August 2, 1946; Larry David, born October 20, 1947; and Nancy Carol, born July 4, 1950.

Submitted by Freck Bradley

Betty Anne Richardson Bradley

Betty Anne Richardson, daughter of Harold Eugene Richardson and Frances Virginia Hyde, married Howard Gene Bradley from Palmetto on September 5, 1953.

The first two years of their marriage were spent in New Mexico, where Gene was stationed in the Army, from which he was discharged on May 5, 1955. They have since that time lived in several locations around College Park, and are presently living in the Cliftondale Community. They have five children: Michael Steven, born December 20, 1954; Shirley Jean born

March 11, 1959; Laura Susan, born August 6, 1962; Lisa Ann, born September 5, 1963, and Lynda Diane, born December 14, 1965.

Mike married Cynthia Marie Mobley from Nashville, Tennessee, on May 27, 1978. They are living in Charleston, South Carolina.

Laura married William Fredrick Dodson on June 16, 1979, and they are living in Hawaii.

Submitted by Betty Anne Bradley

L. B. Bradley Family

Broadus was born October 10, 1917, in Old Campbell County, a son of A. B. and Caudie Bradley, both deceased. He attended Palmetto Grammar School and graduated from Campbell High School in Fairburn. As a young man he was in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Later, he came home to work at C. B. Moseley

in Palmetto. In January, 1941, he went into military service, the army. He was in the Battle of the Bulge, was captured as a German prisoner December 21, 1944, and was liberated April 12, 1945, the day President Franklin D. Roosevelt died. Upon returning home, he went into business in Palmetto with his

brother, H. C. Bradley. They purchased the business of C. B. Moseley and later changed the name to Bradley's Thriftown. He was elected to the Palmetto City Council as a councilman 1967-68 and was elected for two terms as Mayor of Palmetto, 1969-70 and 1978-79.

In 1946, he married Hazel Cook of Fairburn. She is the daughter of Tip Cook and the late Varner Edwards Cook. She attended Fayette County Schools and graduated from Georgia State College for Women, Milledgeville, Georgia. She taught school in Tyronne, Palmetto, and Fairburn for thirty-four years and retired June, 1976.

Kenneth Cook Bradley, their only child, was born February 26, 1951. He attended school in Palmetto, graduated from Campbell High, Fairburn, and Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., where he majored in Japanese. He is teaching English at Nichi-Bei School in Tokyo, Japan. He is studying for a master's degree at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo, and will graduate from Columbia University in New York, December, 1980.



Broadus, Hazel and Kenneth Bradley

Submitted by L. B. Bradley

Larry and Deborah Bradley

Deborah Renay Childs, who was born July 31, 1956, in Atlanta, Georgia, was the second child of William John Childs, a native of Florida, and Nancy Deryle Rutledge, a native of Georgia. She has three brothers: David Rutledge, Timothy John, and William Mark. Her only living grandparent is Bessie Opal Milam Rutledge.

Deborah attended M. P. Word Elementary School and Campbell High, from which she graduated in 1974. She was on the honor roll and was graduating Homecoming Queen. She has been employed since April of 1974 at First Fulton Bank and Trust. She was married February 25, 1979 to Larry David Bradley.

Larry was born October 20, 1947, in Atlanta to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. (Freck) Bradley. Freck was a native of Waco, Georgia. Larry has an older brother, Lynn Latham, and a younger sister, Nancy Carol Bradley Marshall. He attended Charles E. Riley Elementary School and Campbell High School, graduating in 1965.

Larry was drafted into the Army in 1967. After basic training at Fort Benning and Military Police School at Fort Gordon, he was stationed in Wurtzburg, Germany, with the 793rd Military Police from February of 1968 to September of 1969. He is presently employed at Bradley's Thriftown, Incorporated.

Submitted by Larry and Deborah Bradley



Larry and Deborah Bradley

Murray Bradley Family

Murray Dorsey Bradley and Nora Bowen were married September 13, 1934, in Warm Springs, Georgia, by the Reverend Mr. T. M. Dye, Jr., a former pastor of Palmetto Methodist Church. Nora is the daughter of Vesta Blair Bowen and the late Harvey Bowen. Nora was born and grew up in Palmetto and went to school at Charles E. Riley Elementary and Campbell

High Schools. She had four younger brothers: Harold (deceased); Frank Bowen, of Whitesburg, Georgia; Harvey, Jr., of Fayette County, Georgia; and Russell (deceased).

Murray was born in Waco, Georgia, in 1913 to the late Caudie Lenora Smith and Aulcie Bishop Bradley. Murray spent his early years in Waco, Fairburn, and

LaGrange, Georgia, and moved to Palmetto when he was nine. Murray's two younger brothers, Herman C. and L. Broadus, both reside in Palmetto; his three sisters are Bernice Cope, of Palmetto, Lucille Jackson, of Miami, Florida, and Juanita Bradley (deceased).

After their marriage Murray and Nora rented the old St. Elmo Hotel. They lived there in a spacious apartment and subrented the additional rooms. They built their present home on Locke Street in 1945 and have remodeled and changed the house several times.

Murray operated Bradley's Service Station, Palmetto Washeteria and Car Wash from 1947 until he sold it to Jim Pulliam in 1971. Over the years Murray has served as Fire Chief of the Palmetto Volunteer Fire Department, as a member of the Town Council for eight years, and as Mayor of Palmetto (1976-77).

Nora retired from the Palmetto Post Office in 1972 after twenty-seven years of service. She is now a

member of the Old Campbell County Women's Club. Both Murray and Nora are active members of Palmetto Methodist Church.

Nora and Murray have three children. Barbara Bowen, the oldest, married Jimmy Rae Johnson of Grantville, Georgia.

Murray, Jr., a graduate of Georgia State University, is married to the former Lynn Hecht of Anderson, Indiana, and lives in Fairburn.

Russell Leon Bradley is married to the former Linda Horvat of Kansas City, Kansas. They live on Harris Avenue in the Johnson's former house and have an infant son, Nathan Andrew.

Submitted by Nora and Murray Bradley

Myrtle Bernice Bradley

Myrtle Bernice Bradley moved in 1925 from LaGrange, Georgia, to Palmetto with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bradley. In 1936 she was married to Leon Tedford Choate. To that union four children were born.

Richard Bradley Choate, the eldest, married Maureen Perkins, and they have three children: Cynthia Ann (Cindi), Bradley (Brad), and Carolyn.

Ellen Diane Choate was first married to Edward Sweet, and they had one son. She was later married

to Frank Hutchingson, who had one son, Michael.

Kenneth Tedford Choate married Doreen, and they have two children, Kevin and Lisa.

Robert Leon Choate married Sheila Ginn, and they have one son, Brandon.

Bernice B. Choate was later married to Claude A. Cope, and they currently reside in Palmetto.

Submitted by Myrtle Bernice Bradley

Sarah Alberta (Richardson) Bradley Family

Alberta (Berta), daughter of Tom and Annie Richardson, grew up on a dairy farm. Berta, her brothers and sisters, began milking cows at a young age. Rain or shine, visitors or whatever, the cows were milked twice a day. Frequently, teenage friends visiting would try to milk, but usually gave up after a kick from a cow or several swats in the face by the cow's tail. All was not work, though, for summer meant swimming or fishing in the pond, local church revivals and a week's visit with Aunt Sweet or Cousin Mae—a real treat.

After graduating from Campbell High School in 1949 and working at several jobs, Berta began a career with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (present employer) in 1952, boarding in Hapeville, Marietta and Atlanta. Berta and William Del-

vious Bradley, son of Walter and Hettie (Roberts) Bradley of Palmetto, were married April 22, 1954. After living in Decatur and College Park, they settled in Palmetto in 1956. They had two girls: Cynthia Diane (Cindy), born February 5, 1957, and Karen Annette, born May 29, 1960, in Newnan Hospital. Berta and William were divorced in 1962.

Berta and girls moved to her mother's home in 1962 and then into her own house when it was completed in 1966 on property adjoining her mother's. In September of 1972 Berta's Mother passed away. Not wanting to sell or rent the homeplace, Berta accepted it as a partial share of the estate, remodeled it and moved her family back home.

Berta, Cindy and Karen are members of Ramah Baptist Church. Cindy and Karen, as did their mother,

attended Charles E. Riley Elementary School. They graduated from Palmetto High School, Cindy in 1975, and Karen in 1978.

Cindy is married to Michael Keith Sockwell, son of Elman and Dorothy Sockwell of Palmetto. They, their daughter, Annie Michelle, who was born June 5, 1979, and Cindy's son, Joshua Todd, who was born April 1, 1977, live in Berta's house next door. Karen, who is single, works for K-Mart Corporation in Shenandoah and lives with Berta.

Submitted by Berta Bradley

Left-right: Karen Bradley, Annie Richardson, Cindy Bradley. Rear: Berta Bradley.



William Samuel Braswell Family



Jason, Margie, Billy, Judy and Ronald.

William S. (Billy) Braswell was the first child of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie L. Braswell. He was born in old Campbell County on April 14, 1931. He married Margie Jones, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Jones. She was born in Fayette County on November 15, 1932. They had one child, Judy Anne, who was born in Palmetto on January 31, 1951. She married Ronald Patterson Fields, and they had one son, Jason Patterson Fields, who was born in Palmetto on February 11, 1975.

Billy has been employed for Eastern Air Lines for twenty-three years, and Margie has been employed by International Playtex for twenty-four years. They are both members of Ramah Baptist Church, where he is a deacon. He is a member of Lodge Number 74. They reside at 505 Park Street in Palmetto.

Submitted by Margie Braswell

Donald L. Bright

"A hand-painted sign, nailed to a pine" was the landmark for the settling of the Donald Brights in the Rico Community. A cleared portion of pines behind the historic "ole' Masonic Lodge" was where the construction of their self-built cedar home began in 1971. Though the house was incomplete, the Brights moved into their new home in April of 1972.

Donald Bright is from Waynesboro, Virginia. He served eight years in the USAF and has traveled extensively throughout the U. S. and Alaska. Shooting, hunting, fishing and gardening he enjoys, and he also serves as a Volunteer Fireman with the Fulton County Fire Department. He has assisted with Little League Baseball of the Palmetto Recreation Department. Don's wife, Patricia, was born and reared in the Pa-

Donald and Patricia Bright have two sons, Michael and John.



nama Canal Zone. She moved to the U. S. when she trained in Atlanta and is a Registered Nurse presently employed at Newnan Hospital. She has been actively involved in the County-Line Homemakers Club, PTA, Cub Scouting, and church and civic work in Rico.

Two sons complete their family. John, the eldest, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, and came to Georgia as a toddler. Michael, their second son, was born here in Georgia, and they were both of pre-school age

when they moved to Rico. The boys are both actively involved in their community.

Though the Brights have no known relatives in this South Fulton area, they feel right at home in the newly adopted community of Rico.

Submitted by Donald Bright

Albert Newton Brittain

The elder daughter of William and Fannie Walthall, Myrtie, born February 9, 1867, and Albert Newton Brittain, born November 14, 1866, in Troup County, Georgia, were married in Palmetto, October 6, 1886. They lived for about four years in Liberty Hill and Athens, Georgia, before coming to the old homestead to raise their family and live out their lives. There were five sons: Karl W., A. Roy, Max G., William H. and Francis L., and two daughters, Alberta and Louise, who gave them ten grandchildren.

Being a traveling salesman, Albert was frequently away for several weeks at a time, but when at home was very active in the Palmetto Baptist church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent and Bible Class

teacher. Myrtie's hobby was growing flowers and sharing them with her friends. Albert died November 13, 1937, and Myrtie January 26, 1943. The home was left to daughter Louise, who with her husband, Robert E. Hamill, returned to Palmetto after his retirement from Pittsburgh Plate Glass Industries in Pennsylvania in 1952. Their son, Bob, and his wife and child joined them, but later moved to Atlanta. Robert E. Hamill died May 15, 1977, and the house is still occupied by Louise B. Hamill.

Submitted by Louise B. Hamill

Elnora Boynton Brook

Elnora L. Boynton, daughter of John T. Boynton, Sr., and Mrs. Julia P. Boynton, was born on Hill Street in Palmetto, Georgia, January 2, 1930. She attended Charles E. Riley School from which she graduated in 1944. In 1946, she married Grady Mathis, and they

Clayton and Elenora Brook are shown in this photograph with their son, Jimmy.



lived in Palmetto, Georgia until 1948. They had no children. She was once married to James Short of Atlanta, Georgia. He served four years in the Air Force and eight years in the Marines. He was an engineer for the Southern Railroad for two years. They had no children.

In 1958, she was married to Clayton S. Brook, of Traverse, Michigan. He was in the Air Force in Selma, Alabama. They moved to Traverse, where in 1960 they had a son, John Clayton Brook. They relocated in West Palm Beach, Florida, where he was employed by Pratt and Whitten Aviation. In 1969 the Brooks moved to Huntington Beach, California. There, he worked at Garrett Air Research. In 1974 they moved back to West Palm Beach, Florida, where he is now employed by Gardner Aviation. He is flight instructor, pilot and machinist. The son, John, will graduate from high school in June of 1979. He is also employed by Gardner Aviation part time. Elnora is now living in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Submitted by Elnora Brook,
Daughter of John and Julia Boynton

Hugh Brown Family

Benjamin Hugh Brown was born to James William and Willie Florence Alderholt Brown June 21, 1917, at Whitesburg, Georgia. He has four brothers: James, Milton, Clellan, and Marvin, and one sister, Annie Cloteal Brittain. They moved to Rico in 1923.

Hugh was employed at Belle Isle Garage in Atlanta before he joined the Army in August 9, 1941. He was a machine gun instructor at Fort Benning until he was sent to Germany in September, 1943, where he received three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and a Silver Star. He was discharged on September 29, 1945. He was employed by Eastern Airlines for ten years and is presently employed by the State Office Building Authority in Atlanta.

Doris Mae Wilson was born August 2, 1926, to Horace and Willie Belle Wilson in Akron, Ohio. She moved to Goodes community in 1927 with her parents. She has four sisters: Addie Jones, Leona Storey, Marjorie Costley, and Josephine Carroll, and one brother, Frank.

She graduated from Campbell of Fairburn in 1943. She moved to Atlanta and worked for Southern Bell Telephone.

They met while Hugh was in service and married on July 1, 1943. They have three sons: Ben, Jr., born August 28, 1946; Stanley Eugene, born October 15, 1948; and Rodney Dale, born June 4, 1955. Ben Jr. works for the Jackson Correctional Institute at Jack-

son, Georgia. Stan works for Delta Airlines in Cleveland, Ohio, and Rodney works for Van Dusen Airplane Parts in Atlanta. They have five grandsons and one grand-daughter.

Hugh and Doris are active members of College Park First Methodist Church. They belong to National Camping and Hiking Association and are Field Directors. They are members of the Chapter of the 30th Division, which is the outfit Hugh served with during the war.

Their hobbies are camping, fishing and gardening. They are planning to retire soon and live at High Falls, near Jackson, Georgia.

Submitted by Doris Brown



Hugh and Doris Brown

George W. Bryant Family

G. W. Bryant, Sr. was born September 24, 1850. He married Sarah Nancy Fuly Allen (born November 20, 1853) on December 10, 1870. They had one child, George William, born November 10, 1873. G. W. Bryant, Sr., died November 10, 1874. George William Bryant married Myrtle Frances Reeves, daughter of George Benton Reeves and Lavonia McMillan. The Bryants were farmers and came to Campbell, now Fulton County, around 1850. George William Bryant's children were as follows; Helen married Calton Groover; Winifred married Gilbert Couch; Vera married Frank Smith; Ouida married Elbert Smith; Avanelle married Merriel Tanner; Amarie married Olin Pettigrew; Mary married James Johnson and Lawrence Milam; G. W. Jr. married Mildred Creel and Ruth Starnes; Claude married Wynette Smith. They lived in the Rico Community and were farmers. They were members of Providence Baptist Church and were active in community affairs.

Submitted by Vera Bryant Smith



Myrtle Francis Reeves
and
George William Bryant
taken on their wedding day January 21, 1906

Allen E. Bullard Family

Allen E. Bullard was born about 1815 in Georgia, the son of Thomas Bullard and Ann Bell Bullard. He was married to Louisa Matilda Redwine on December 2, 1834, in Coweta County, Georgia. Matilda was the daughter of John Marshburn Redwine and Sarah Crawford.

To Allen and Matilda ten children were born. The 1850 census of Campbell County, Georgia, lists eight of their ten children as J. R., Robert S., Elizabeth, Sara S., Susan, Thomas, Charles, and Emily A.

The Bullards were one of the families that left the old Campbell County area in a wagon train to settle in Louisiana in the year 1857. Allen Bullard died of typhoid after reaching Louisiana and is buried in the old Brooklyn Church yard. Matilda was left a widow with nine children.



Allen E. Bullard
1815-1863

Louisa Matilda Redwine
Bullard 1817-1897



Submitted by Virginia Carroll

Durward Benjamin Bullard

Deward B. Bullard was born at Rivertown, Campbell County, on April 30, 1875, the son of Thomas J. and Margaret C. Bullard. He married Orrie May Herrington of Macon. He is a member of the Methodist Church, a Mason and a Shriner, an Odd Fellow, and an Elk. He has been twice Mayor of Palmetto.

Future lawmakers of Georgia may not stop to inquire who placed in the State Library in the Capitol a legislative reference department for their benefit, but they will certainly use the department, and the efficiency of their work will certainly be increased thereby. The man who introduced and put through the House of Representatives in 1914 the bill creating this department is the Honorable Durward Benjamin Bullard, representative of Campbell County.

Mr. Bullard is one of the business men of the 1913-14 General Assembly. At Palmetto, where he lives, he is a merchant, a cotton buyer, an insurance man and a banker. Business men want facts. Hence it was natural that Mr. Bullard, being a business man, should be quick to see the need of a bureau of information for the use of members of the Legislature. Mr. Bullard is one of the influential members of the House. His sound business judgment is highly respected, his advice is sought, his speeches are brimful of common sense and carry great weight in debates. Taken from "Leaders in the Georgia General Assembly" Session 1913-1914.



Durward Benjamin Bullard

Submitted by Carole Harper

Edward Dewey Caldwell

On January 15, 1941, Edward Dewey Caldwell was born to Amon and Dot Caldwell in LaGrange, Georgia, where he was reared as a child.

In 1963 Edward moved to Fayetteville, where he met Sheary Louise Moore, from Palmetto. Sheary was born and reared in Palmetto. She is the daughter of Doc and Ethelene Moore.

Ed and Sheary were married on January 8, 1964. They have two children: Michael Craig Caldwell, born December 3, 1966, and Kristy Diane Caldwell, born November 25, 1971. Both children attend Charles E. Riley School in Palmetto.

Sheary is a member of Ramah Baptist Church and also attended Charles E. Riley School.



Ed and Sheary Caldwell; Craig and Kristy

Submitted by Sheary Caldwell

Benjamin A. Camp Family

Benjamin Alston Camp (November 10, 1801—November 21, 1884), a planter, married Winifred Arnold (November 20, 1802-July 20, 1868) of Arnold's Mill, Greenville County, South Carolina, on November 2, 1828. In 1833 they moved to Campbell County, Georgia, across the Chattahoochee river from his parents. There they reared a large family. Eugene Alston Camp, grandfather of Willie James Crouch, was the youngest of twelve children, Elizabeth Susan, was born December 13, 1829, and died April 14, 1915. She married Dr. Thomas Coke Glover, who was killed at Winchester, Virginia, in 1864 during the Civil War. She was the originator of the annual reunion of the Confederate soldiers. In June, 1867, she called together the survivors of Company A, Twenty-first Georgia, the company that was led into service by her husband, Lt. Colonel Thomas C. Glover, as its captain. At that meeting they arranged to hold an annual reunion.

Joseph Walter, who was born January 21, 1831, married Permelia Nelson and later Sarah Lowe. He

died December 24, 1913. John Malcomb Walter, who was born October 7, 1832, and died October 12, 1926, married Margaret Winn. Ann Hendricks, who was born December 21, 1833, and died May 18, 1898 married William Westmoreland. Benjamin Arnold, who was born March 22, 1835, and died November 15, 1905, married Annie Beck. Nathan Wesley, who was born July 28, 1836, and died March 21, 1860, married Fannie Kofer. Thomas Berry Walter, who was born July 13, 1838, was killed August 30, 1862, in the Battle of Manassas, Virginia. He married Nannie Weaver, who lived in the Palmetto area. Margaret Keziah, who was born April 3, 1841, and died March 3, 1905, married Dr. William S. Zellars, who resided and practiced medicine in Palmetto. Louise Hull, who was born February 22, 1842, and died April 17, 1932, married H. Westmoreland and later James Willis. Claramond Winifred, who was born April 21, 1844, and died June 21, 1905 married J. Cicero Watkins, a resident of Palmetto. Charles Dunklin, who was born January 14, 1846, and died July 9, 1906, married Annie Wharton.

Eugene Alston, who was born March 20, 1850, and died December 27, 1935, married Ann Elizabeth Gaither, who was born February 13, 1853, and died October 7, 1940. He inherited the home place and farm, and they lived and reared the following children: Mary Eugenia, who married Edgar Love Cochran; Winifred Carolyn, who married Joseph A. Jones; Frank Gaither, who married Lillian May Collins; Thomas Wiley, who married Emma Lula Duggan; Margaret Augusta, who married Vedder Houston Steed; and Lucy Claramond, who married Arthur Parks Condor.

The E. A. Camp Family. Front row: Margaret A. Camp (Steed), Eugene A. Camp, L. Claramond Camp (Condor), Ann (Annie) Elizabeth Gaither Camp, Back row: Mary (Mamie) Eugenia Camp (Cochran), Winifred Carol Camp (Jones), Thomas Lee Camp, Frank Gaither Camp. Uncle Will Camp is in the background. He was given to Winifred Arnold at the time of her marriage to Benjamin A. Camp and was foreman on the plantation and lived with the family until his death.



Submitted by Willie Jones Crouch

Garfield Cannon

Garfield David was born February 7, 1930, in Coweta County, Georgia to Bert and Ophelia Cannon. Bert Cannon is deceased, and Ophelia came to live with Garfield in January of 1977. Mildred Lynelle was born to John and Melrose Winn (both deceased) on August 26, 1932, in Coweta County. Garfield and Lynelle were married September 10, 1949.

In December of 1957 Garfield opened the Pure Oil Service Station on Main Street in Palmetto. In January of 1958 Garfield, Lynelle and their three children, Steve, born December 13, 1958, Stanley, born June 25, 1952, and Ann, born June 10, 1956, moved to Palmetto. After the family moved to Palmetto, there were two more sons: Scott, born July 7, 1959, and Earl, born February 18, 1965.

In March of 1961 Garfield and Lynelle bought from John Blankenship a house on Cobb Street where they still live.

In April of 1965 Garfield bought from E.B. Hutson a service station on Main Street, which he operated until 1973, when he closed it because of the gas shortage.

In 1967 Garfield bought the old warehouse on Main

Street. He tore it down and built in 1971 a service station, which he still operates, and in 1973 a restaurant.

In April of 1964 Garfield helped establish Victory Baptist Church at the corner of Spring and Cobb Streets. Garfield, Lynelle, their children, two daughters-in law and one son-in-law are members of Victory Baptist Church.

Garfield served three terms on the city council. He and Lynelle also served five years as President and Co President for Charles E. Riley P.T.A.

Steve and Debra Flemming were married in June of 1971. They have two children: Sheila, born December 17, and Chris, born May 6, 1977.

Stanley and Phillis Burdette were married in April of 1973. They have two children: Don, born April 22, 1974, and Mark born February 11, 1976.

Ann married James Dial in June of 1975. They have a son, Nathan, born January 26, 1979.

Garfield and Lynelle's married children own their homes and live in Palmetto.

Submitted by Garfield Cannon

George Peter Carroll Family

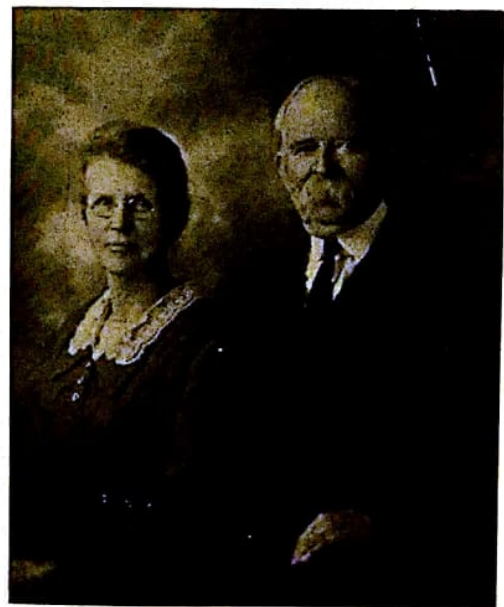
In 1865 George Peter Carroll, at the age of fifteen, came with his mother, Martha Baker Carroll, to stay with relatives in the Goodes community near Palmetto. After a few years, they moved to DeKalb County and he married Nancy Jones Turner in 1882.

The warmth and friendliness of the Palmetto people must have impressed him deeply, for in 1916 he moved back to Goodes for another rather short period. By this time, he and Nancy had seven children: John Thomas, James Parks, Jessie Lucile, Gussie Elizabeth, George Harry, Nancy Mae, and Nora Louise. The three older were married and lived in Atlanta. At this time Jim was the village blacksmith, and Gussie taught school at the Goodes Elementary School. Nancy returned to Atlanta to finish her education and in 1919 married Charles Presh Yarn. Harry married Leona Harper, of Fife, in 1919. The youngest daughter, Louise, married Denzil Hopkins of Palmetto.

Jim, with his second wife, Mary Young, returned to buy a home in Palmetto for their retirement years. Gussie, with her husband Robert Lester Harmon, also returned to Palmetto in 1948 for their retirement years, buying property on Rico Road in the Goodes community and building a home there. They became deeply involved in the activities of the community and New Hope Church, and were known by everyone as "Uncle Bob and Aunt Gussie."

In 1937 Denzil and Louise returned to Palmetto with their four children; Jimbo, Ruth, Denny and Nancy. In 1939 another son, Joel, was born.

Submitted by Nancy Carroll Yarn



George and Nancy Carroll

John Wesley Carroll

John Wesley Carroll was born July 30, 1815 in Franklin County, Georgia. He was the son of John W. Carroll, a Methodist minister. His mother was Elizabeth Redwine, the daughter of Jacob Redwine Sr., also a Methodist minister.

John Wesley married Hulda Hearn, daughter of Stephen Hearn and Jane Ballard, about 1838. They lived and farmed in Coweta County, Georgia, living in a log house that was near the Widow Varner's Ferry on the Chattahoochee River. To John Wesley and Hulda five children were born, the oldest dying in infancy. There were three sons. John Franklin married his first cousin Mary C. Carroll. Stephen Glynn married Susan Bullard, and James Craton married Mary Jane Covington Tate. A daughter, Nancy Jane (Sis), married George Lantrip.

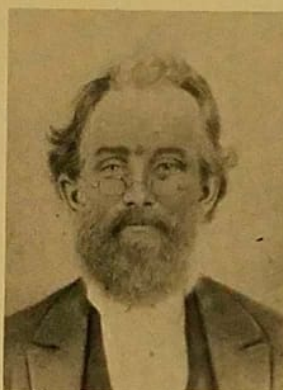
In 1855 John Wesley and Hulda moved to Jackson Parish, Louisiana, about eight miles from Chatham. He rented a farm near Hood's Mill, working hard planting a big cotton crop. The worms ate the cotton, and typhoid fever claimed the life of his wife Hulda, leaving him with the four small children. After his return to Georgia he married Lucinda Bond Jordan on May 10, 1857 in Campbell County.

Before the start of the Civil War, John Wesley and Lucinda became the parents of two daughters, Francis Carolyn, who married Henry Sutton, and Emily Katherine, who married Thomas S. (Bob) Head. On June

23, 1870, Lucinda died and is buried in the Brooklyn Cemetery. John Wesley and the younger children kept the home together, until some years later when he married again, a widow, Charity Elizabeth Browder Thompson. Charity and John Wesley were to become the parents of one son, Lewis Wesley, who was married to Sue Hazel Moore. John Wesley was sixty-nine years old when he and Charity were blessed with their son Lewis. John Wesley died when Lewis had just turned twelve years old. Charity or "Little Granny" then moved to Texas. She is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery in Upshur County.

Lewis Carroll and Sue Moore Carroll have four children: Durand Wesley, Hazel, James (Buddie) and Beth. They have one grand daughter, Judy Carroll Marshall.

Submitted by Virginia Carroll



John Wesley Carroll

Josephine Wilson Carroll Family

Margaret Josephine Wilson was born to Horace and Willie Belle Wilson on August 4, 1937, in Goodes community. She attended school at Charles E. Riley and Campbell High in Fairburn. She has four sisters: Addie Jones, Doris Brown, Leona Storey and Marjorie Costley, and one brother, Frank. She worked several years for an insurance company. She went to work for Ely and Co. (Elyte) about five years ago and is still employed there.

Charles Robert was born to Charlie and Gertrude Moore on October 15, 1934, in Hampton, Georgia. He attended school in Hampton. He was a telegraph operator and later a Kroger Auditor. He is now deceased.

Robert and Josephine were married February 26, 1954. They had one son, Charles Robert, Jr., who was born April 20, 1957. He attended Pebble Brook. Robert, Jr., joined the Air Force in 1975 and was sent to Japan. He was discharged in 1978. He then attended Cobb Vocational School. He is presently employed

with the L. S. Sturrett Co.

William Ellis (Bill) Carroll was born to Henry and Eunice Carroll March 8, 1940, in Manchester, Tennessee. He attended school in Manchester. Bill has one sister, Naomie Burkes. He is a machinist for Southern Railroad.

Josephine and Bill were married January 4, 1974. Their hobbies include reading, traveling and attending football games.

Submitted by Willie Wilson

Josephine
and Bill Carroll



John and Nancy Kelley Carlton

Nancy M. Kelley, oldest child of James W. Kelley, was born February 20, 1810, probably in Wilkes or Elbert County, Georgia, and died June 9, 1853, and was buried in Ramah Baptist Church Cemetery near Palmetto. She married John Carlton March 8, 1832. They lived on a farm just north of Palmetto. John Carlton also owned a grocery business and represented Campbell County in the Georgia General Assembly.

They have the following children: Evaline A., Mary Sophronia, Christianna Frances, John McPherson Berrien, John Caldwell Calhoun, and James Knox Polk.

Evaline A. married Wiley W. Russell, and moved to Talladega, Alabama to live. Mary Sophronia married

Jesse F. Bailey, who died young. She later married B. F. Browning, and they moved to Pittsburg, Texas. Christianna Frances married Simpson C. Hearn, and they went to McKenzie, Tennessee. John McPherson Berrien (called Berry) was married three times: first to Martha M. Dean, second to Annie, third to Mrs. M. A. Henderson. John Caldwell Calhoun married Sarah Rebecca Merrell of Carrollton, Georgia. James Knox Polk (called Bud) married Sarah Emma White.

Bud and Berry operated the Carlton Brothers Clothing Company on Alabama Street in Atlanta for many years.

Submitted by Roy Harwell

The Reverend Daniel Webster Carter Family

Daniel Webster Carter was born in Douglas County, Georgia, on January 31, 1878, the son of James Richard and Francis Friddell Carter. Instead of farming like his father, Daniel chose the profession of a carpenter. He was reared in the Baptist Church, and as a young man he was called to the ministry. He



Wedding picture of Daniel and Ida Carter

preached in many churches in Douglas, Carroll, and old Campbell Counties.

Daniel Webster married Ida Elizabeth Barfield of Carroll County on November 3, 1903. Their three children are Togo Oyamo, who died at age nineteen; Mary C. Blanton; and Daniel Polk. After their children were born, the Carters moved from Douglas County to Palmetto, where they lived for several years. The Reverend Carter continued his ministry while living in Palmetto and preached wherever he was needed—at Sardis, Ramah, and other churches in the surrounding area.

In the 1930's the Carters moved to College Park, where they made their home along with their son Dan and his wife Marion. Dan and Marion have four sons: Danny, Mike, who died at age thirteen in 1959; Chuck; and Larry. They also have six grandchildren.

The Reverend and Mrs. Daniel Webster Carter are buried at Ramah Baptist Cemetery along with their son, Oyamo, and their grandson, Michael.

Submitted by Daniel P. Carter

Kenneth Frank Casey Family

Kenneth Frank Casey was born April 14, 1941, in Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia. Ken is one of six children of Nancy and Frank Casey. Ken's parents are descendents of the Bartow County Caseys in Adairsville, Georgia. They now reside in North Atlanta. Ken graduated from Brown High School and Oklahoma University and has worked for McKinney's, Inc. for the last fourteen years.

Ken married Patricia Ann Reeves, who was born

March 3, 1942, the oldest of four children of Earl and Betty Reeves. Pat went to Rico elementary and then to Brown High School, where she met Ken. She graduated from Smith High School in 1960. She has been employed by Xerox Corporation for the last five and one-half years.

Earl Reeves was the son of Earl Benton and Josephine Reeves, whose homeplace is still located on Garretts Ferry Road in Rico community. The Reeves'



The Casey Family

land was divided among the four children after the death of Earl Reeves. Rocky, his oldest son, and his wife Micky live in the old homeplace, and Betty still lives in the house she and Earl built themselves over a period of years.

Pat and Ken built their home on their portion of the land and did a large portion of the work themselves. They now reside with their five children: Bonnie, seventeen, Tripp, twelve, Pam and Kirk, ten and Chad, eight years old. The family attends the Providence Baptist Church in Rico, which was frequented by the previous Reeves family.

The Caseys have recently purchased adjoining land in order to give their children an opportunity to build their futures in the Rico community also.

Submitted by Pat Casey

Michael Wayne Chapman

Michael Wayne Chapman was born November 1, 1952, at Crawford W. Long Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. His parents are Hazel Joyce Jones Chapman, from Fayette County, and Floyd Eugene Chapman, also from Fayette County. Mike has three brothers: James Stephen Chapman (Steve), Anthony Leon Chapman (Tony), Kenneth Allen Wallace Chapman (Kenny). Mike also has a son, Jamison Bryant Chapman (Jamie). Mike is a graduate of Campbell High School, graduating in the class of 1970.

On February 14, 1979, Mike married Cathy Elizabeth Blair, who was born May 25, 1958, at Crawford W. Long Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia. Her parents are Connie Elizabeth Skinner Blair, from Spalding County, and Vertis Blair, from Coweta County. Cathy has three brothers: Charles Noble Blair (Chuck), Vertis Todd Blair (Todd), and Timothy Frederick Blair (Tim). Cathy is a graduate of Newnan High school, graduating in the class of 1975.

Cathy and Mike are both members of Palmetto Baptist Church.



Cathy and Mike Chapman with his son Jamie at their wedding performed in Palmetto Baptist Church by Tom Daugherty.

Submitted by Cathy Chapman

Bobby Gene Chastain Family

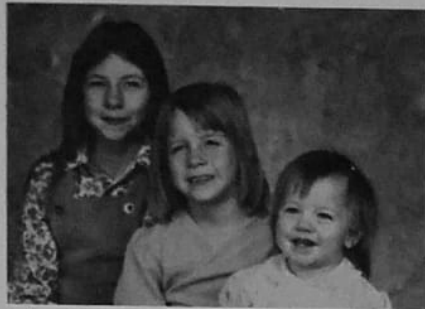
Bobby Gene Chastain was born to Cicero and Catherine Chastain in the year 1942 in Cartersville, Georgia. He has two brothers and one sister. His older brother, Thomas D. Chastain, lives in East Point, Georgia, his younger brother, Billy Ray Chastain, lives in Douglasville, Georgia. His sister, Patricia (Chastain) Woodard, lives in LaGrange, Georgia.

Gene attended Marrion Smith Grammar School

and Russell High School in East Point, Georgia. He served three years in the U. S. Army.

Judy Sharon Astin was born to Robert and Nell Astin in the year 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia. She is their only child. Judy attended Charles E. Riley Grammar School, in Palmetto and graduated from Campbell High School in 1962.

Gene and Judy were married February 29, 1964, at



Gene and Judy Chastain with children Rhonda, Jennifer and Heather

Ringold, Georgia. He was employed at Rexall Drug Company and was later employed by Prattville Apparel in Palmetto. He is now employed at Yancey Brothers.

In community work Gene is a member of the city council, and he and his family are active members in the Palmetto Recreation.

Judy is employed as an accountant by Delta Air Lines. She has been employed by Delta for the past ten years.

Judy and Gene are the parents of Rhonda Colleen, born March 17, 1965, Sharon Jennifer, born March 1, 1969, and Heather Rae, born September 7, 1975. Rhonda attends Palmetto High and is in the ninth grade. At Palmetto High she is an active student. She is a member of the Honor Roll, the Spanish Club, and the Flag Corps. Jennifer, who attends Charles E. Riley Grammar School, is active in the Palmetto Recreation. Heather, who is just three, enjoys playing with her friends. As a family, the Chastains enjoy camping and all sports.

Submitted by Judy Chastain

Thomas and Elizabeth Weaver Cheeves

Elizabeth Weaver, who was born about 1810 in Putnam County, Georgia, married Thomas J. Cheeves in Putnam County on December 9, 1827. They lived in Campbell and Carroll Counties. She died in 1862.

Elizabeth Weaver and Thomas J. Cheeves had eight children: Mary, Sarah, Andrew, Thomas, Martha, Rebecca, Samuel, and Susan.

Mary G. Cheeves, born about 1829, married Hosea Newsom. Sarah E. Cheeves, born in 1832, married Willis J. Johnson and moved to Alabama. Andrew J. Cheeves, born in 1836, married a girl named Nancy and lived in Randolph County, Alabama. Thomas J. Cheeves, born in 1837, married a girl named Eliza-

beth and lived in Troup County, Georgia. Martha Cheeves was born in 1839 and died in 1850-51 of fever, an illness which claimed her father and her brother Samuel. Rebecca Cheeves, born in 1843, married James G. Richardson on February 24, 1859, in Campbell County. They lived in Campbell. Samuel Cheeves, born in 1846, died before his fifth birthday of fever. Susan Cheeves, born in 1850, was still a minor in 1864 when her mother died and James J. King was appointed her guardian.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

Cochran Family

Samuel Cochran (1740-1791) served in The Continental Army from Virginia. He married Marah Cheadle and they moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, where he received a land grant in 1785. They had eight children, one of whom was named John (1762-1810). John married Susannah Lumsden and they had eight boys and one girl. Their second son, Cheadle W. (178?-1854), served in the War of 1812. As a member of the Georgia State Senate (1822-1837) he was instrumental in passing a bill establishing mail routes over Georgia. He was the most interesting and unusual of the Scotland Cochrans. He married Mary Hill, of Tennessee. Their home, a one-and-one-half-story log house east of Owen Cochran mill, was mecca for politicians en-

route by stagecoach to Milledgeville, the capital. They had seven sons (six-footers) and one daughter. Two of the boys were Berry Winn and Owen Henry. By a second marriage, to Catherine Brown, there were two children.

Berry and Owen served in the Confederate Army. Owen (1831-1909) married Jane Margaret Harrison (1832-1875), daughter of Nathaniel Harrison, Buncombe County, North Carolina. Their children were Nathaniel Harrison (1867-1942), a quiet, honest, hard-working and very well-read farmer; Cheadle Walter (1869-1958); Beatrice Evelyn (1870-1900), who attended Wesleyan College (Macon) and married Dr. T.P. Bullard in a wedding performed by Bishop W.A. Can-

der; and Ralph (1873-1953), who married Kate Latham. In 1885 Owen built a house across from Berry on Toombs Street in Palmetto, to be near schools. He then sold it to the Fred Smiths, and moved back to Nathaniel Harrison's colonial home at Rivertown.

Cheadle, a large plantation owner, was honest, hardworking, and strong intellectually. He married Mary Ila Seymour, a schoolteacher, who is now retired from Cluett-Peabody and resides in Palmetto near the Methodist Church, where she is a member. So were Cheadle and his father. Cheadle and Ila had six children: Margaret Alice, who married (John Ray); Cheadle Walter (1922-1929); Evelyn Beatrice; William Owen, who married (Hilda Peek); Daniel Winn (1927-1929); Mary Jeannette, who married (Don Cook).

Submitted by Margaret Alice Ray



Left to right: Nathaniel Harrison, June Margaret Harrison and Cheadle Walter Cochran, oldest children, and Mother.

Berry Wynn Cochran, Sr.

Berry Wynn Cochran, Sr., was born November 15, 1828, in Campbell County, Georgia. He was the sixth child of Cheadle and Mary Hill Cochran. Records show that he was appointed First Lt., Co. A, 56th Regiment, Georgia Infantry, C.S.A. on April 25, 1862. He was promoted to captain and was captured on Mission Ridge, Tennessee, November 25, 1863.

Captain Cochran followed his father as a miller and built a mill on Big Bear Creek. It is one of the few sites in the country where no dam was needed. Big Bear cascades about thirty feet down a granite face. This mill is only about a mile from his father's mill on Little Bear Creek.

Berry Wynn married Alice Brewster of Newnan, Georgia on March 13, 1878. They had four children: Cheadle, born April 11, 1880 died at birth, Berry Wynn, Jr., Margaret May and Mary Jeanette.

Berry W. Cochran, Sr., died January 27, 1895, and his wife Alice died January 1, 1922. They are buried at Floral Hill Cemetery, Palmetto, Georgia.

Submitted by Carole Harper



Captain Berry Wynn Cochran, Sr.



Alice Brewster Cochran

Berry Wynn Cochran, Jr.

Berry Wynn Cochran, Jr.
pictured the year he
graduated from
Georgia Tech in 1903.



Mary Pickens Johnson
at about 20 years of age.



Berry Wynn Cochran, Jr., was born March 10, 1882, the son of Berry W. and Alice Brewster Cochran. He graduated from Georgia Tech with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1903. Immediately after graduation he went to work for General Electric in Schenectady, New York, in their Testing Department. After one year of training, he was offered the opportunity to go to Heidelberg University, Germany, to study further. About that time his mother became ill, and since he was needed at home, his father having died in 1895, he went home to tend to family business.

Berry built an electric generating plant at his father's mill and ran it for a number of years, running power into the city of Palmetto in 1909. He owned and operated a radio shop in the twenties and thirties in Atlanta. During the late 1930's and early 1940's he worked for the Georgia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation.

In 1909 Berry Wynn Cochran married Mary Pickens Johnson, who was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson. Mary attended LaGrange Female Collegiate Institute. She was a kind person and a good friend, and was loved by all who knew her. She was a private person, who did good deeds with no thought of reward to herself. Genealogy was her special interest, and she spent years in the study of records. Her

family was very important to her, and she was a fine correspondent. She was a literary person and loved nature. She belonged to the D.A.R., the Atlanta Audubon Society, and Delta Literary Society. She was a gentle woman in the true sense of the word, and has been greatly missed by those who love her.

In 1928 their house burned, and Mr. and Mrs. Berry Cochran and their two children, Jack and Jean, moved to Atlanta. Jack married Carolyn Jones and lived in Gainesville, Georgia, where he established Mobile Communication Service Company. He died in 1976. His three children are Jacqueline, of Atlanta; Penny (Mrs. Mack Crowe), of Florida; and Berry, of California. Jean Cochran is married to Doctor Marinus Van Weele and lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. Their children are John Andrew (Drew), of California, and Stuart, of Cincinnati.

After Mr. Cochran's retirement, he and "Miss Mary" returned to live near Palmetto for a number of years, until physical infirmity necessitated their living in a nursing home. Mrs. Cochran died in November of 1978 at the age of ninety-six. Mr. Cochran died June 27, 1979. They are buried at Floral Hill in Palmetto.

Submitted by Mrs. Jean Van Weele and Miss
Jacqueline Cochran

Children of Cheadle Walter and Mary Ila Cochran

Margaret Alice attended West Georgia, Georgia State, and Draughton Business College. She married John Ray, who retired from the Army after twenty-four years of service and is now with Trust Company. While in service he was captured by the Japanese and

was imprisoned three and one-half years. Their children are John Ronald, Margaret JoAlice, and Joel Mark. John Ronald is a Campbell High School graduate, attended Middle Georgia and DeKalb, and served in the Navy. He now works for Atlanta Jour-

nal-Constitution. He married Jane Aldridge of Tennessee and they have one child, Rhonda Nicole. They reside in Lilburn. Margaret JoAlice is married to Alan Pruitt. Both of them are West Georgia graduates. She was formerly employed at St. Mark Methodist, and is now a Fulton County Health Counselor. Their home is in Decatur. Joel Mark is a Palmetto High graduate. He attended DeKalb Tech and is an electrician for Telser. Both brothers are very versatile and enjoy mechanics.

Evelyn Beatrice, also a Campbell High graduate, attended Georgia State. She then entered a business career and is presently with First National. She is a very active member of Antioch Methodist Church. Beatrice resides with "Miss Ila," who enjoys her retirement years to fullest.

William Owen was drafted during the Korean War. Upon his return he purchased the Owen Steed farm and then moved to larger scale farming. He is married to Hilda Peek, a most accomplished homemaking engineer. Their children are William Owen, Kathleen, Mary Sue, Bess, and Maggie. William Owen farmed many years with his father, but now works at Delta Airlines. He lives in Fairburn. He graduated with JoAlice from Campbell High in 1970. Kathleen, possessing many talents of her mother, is married to Earl Eidson. They have a daughter, Melanie, and live

in Fairburn. Mary Sue, a Plains High graduate, is employed at Briggs Stratton in Perry, Georgia. Bess and Maggie attend private school in Perry.

Mary Jeannette attended West Georgia College and then entered a career. She is married to Don Cook, the successful owner of Grady Cook Ford (Atlanta Tractor). Their two children, Walter Grady and Donna Jean, attended public and private schools and are students now at Georgia Tech and Brenau.

Mary Sue, Mark, and Grady were three grandchildren born in 1958.

Submitted by Margaret A. Ray



Three oldest children of Cheadle Walter and Mary Ila Cochran are, left to right, Cheadle Walter, Evelyn Beatrice and Margaret Alice.

William Owen Cochran Family

Hilda Louise Peek, the fourth child of Charlie Blomar and Bessie Lula Eidson Peek, was born October 12, 1932. She married William Owen Cochran on April 20, 1950. Dr. M.D. Collins married them at his home in Atlanta.

Hilda and William have five children.

William Owen, Jr., was born March 11, 1952. He graduated from Campbell High School in 1970. He is now employed by Delta Air Lines and lives in Fairburn.

Evelyn Kathleen was born December 28, 1954. She graduated from Palmetto High School in 1973. Kathleen married William Earl Eidson on December 28, 1972. They have one daughter, Melanie Diane, born October 2, 1978. They live in Fairburn.

Mary Sue was born February 4, 1958. She graduated

from Plains High School in 1976. She is employed by Briggs and Stratton in Perry, Georgia.

Bessie Emma was born January 20, 1963.

Margaret Alice was born October 24, 1965. She and Bessie both attend Thestfield Schools in Perry.

William sawmilled from February of 1950 until September of 1951. He was in dairy farming from September 1951 until April of 1973. He then sold his dairy cows. At the present time he is farming in Perry.

Hilda and William moved from Palmetto in August of 1974 to Plains, Georgia. They lived there until February 1978, when they moved to Perry.

The Cochrans are active members of The First Baptist Church of Perry.

Submitted by Hilda Peek Cochran

Vivion Collins Family

Major Collins came to Georgia to work for the English family. William English was born in Ireland in 1771. As a teenager, he came to Virginia, married Elizabeth Ashe of North Carolina, and, with their daughter Elvira, moved to old Campbell County. Major married Elvira and moved to Creel Road. Their

children were Francis Marion, Major, William, Dallas, Molcie and Lizzie.

Frank (Francis) attended the University of Kentucky, married Martha Smith, and moved across the river to Douglas County. He later became a County Commissioner, teacher, and a prominent farmer. He

brought the first registered Jersey cattle to the state. Frank and Martha had two daughters, Maude and Myrtice. Left a widower, Frank married one of his



Vivion Collins at Monroe A.M. School, Monroe, Georgia 1913

students, Lura Peacock. Children of this union were Ezra, Vivion, Olin, Jack McKinley, Alberta, Etheliel and Lorine. Olin became head of the Agronomy Department at the University of Georgia. Lorine, one of the first Coweta County Home Demonstration Agents, married Ben Redwine of Madras. Camp Lorine was named for her.

Vivion (named for his father's college roommate) married Sadie Wood of Paulding County. With his wife and youngest daughter, Sara Jeanette, he moved to rural Palmetto in 1944. His oldest daughter, Helen Vivion, married James Spencer Bomar, Jr., of Douglas County, and moved to South Carolina. After his death, Helen moved to Palmetto with her children: James Spencer III, Collins, and Harrietanne. Sara, married to Frank Newborn, has two children, Jan and Frank Collins, and lives in Chicago.

Submitted by Helen Collins Selman

John Conder Family

John Conder was born May 3, 1806, in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, son of Lewis and Elizabeth Mueller Conder. He came to Coweta County, Georgia, in 1840 with his first wife, Emily Houston, and children: Cyrus, Elizabeth, and Ira.

He purchased land in the eighth district of Coweta County, on Cedar Creek and became a prosperous farmer. As a charter member of New Hope Methodist Church, he was active in community work. Daughters Susannah, Margaret and Nancy were born in Georgia before his first wife died in 1847.

Ann Smart, daughter of Elisha and Tabitha Steed Smart, became his second wife in 1849 and the mother of William, Lewis, Sion, Emily, Mary, Sarah and Drucilla.

John Conder died of smallpox in 1862, probably contracted when he carried supplies to the Confederate soldiers in Atlanta. His widow had a hard struggle during the Civil War and Reconstruction Days caring for her seven minor children and four by the first

wife.

One son, Sion Payne Condor, born November 21, 1853, spent his entire life in Coweta County. He married Sarah Adeline Hearn December 21, 1876. They lived in a log cabin near his mother's home a few years, and then bought land adjoining his deceased father's farm. He was a successful farmer and dairyman. Later he left the farm and built in Palmetto a Victorian type house which continued as a home for his children until about 1973.

Of their children, Alma, Arthur, Lucille, and Mary made Palmetto their home, but Flora, Edna, and Nellie moved away when they married.

Edna married Edgar Cotter Long, and had one son, Edgar Cotter Long, Jr., a contractor and engineer. He married Mary Hearn, daughter of Seaborn and Lucille Massengale Hearn. Their sons are Eugene, Glen, and Earl.

Submitted by Edgar C. Long, Jr.

William Houston Condor Family

William (Billy) Houston Condor, born November 27, 1850 in Coweta County, Georgia was the oldest son of John Conder, an original settler, and his second wife Electa Ann Smart. He spent his teenage years helping his widowed mother operate the farm and cotton gin.

When quite young he left the farm and became a "drummer," or traveling salesman. It was "Mr. Billy"

who changed the spelling of Conder to "or" instead of "er," which spelling continues to be used by the Georgia families. He continued his interest in farming by jointly buying land with his brother, Sion Condor, and reports claim they had the first registered herd of Jersey cattle in Georgia.

In 1875 he married Sarah Martha (Mattie) Steed, daughter of Sion and Martha Steed, also original set-

tlers. They lived in Palmetto, where their only child, Martha Opal, was born in 1880. "Miss Mattie" was an accomplished musician and taught piano lessons to children.

Moving to Hartwell in 1898, William operated a hardware store, engaged in farming, and continued to travel as a salesman. A newspaper article in 1921 stated that he had the longest service record to his credit of any man in Georgia, having traveled regularly for

forty-five years. He died in 1924.

The daughter, Opal Condor, married John Gibson Richardson in 1901, but they continued their visits to relatives in Palmetto. Her husband was a farmer and served as Clerk of Court in Hart County for a number of years. Their children are Joel Condor, Tom, Martha, and Rebecca Richardson.

Submitted by Joel Condor Richardson

Sandra and Bruce Cook

Sandra Rebecca Eidson is the daughter of Joseph Harold Eidson and Hattie Shell Eidson of Goodes community. She became Mrs. Sandra Cook August 12, 1978, when she married Bruce Alan Cook, son of Jim Cook and Adeline M. Cook of Union City.

Sandra was born and raised in the Goodes community and resided with her parents on Rico Road until her marriage. She finished high school at Campbell of Fairburn. After high school she attended Georgia State University receiving her B.S. Degree in Elementary Education and then attended West Georgia College receiving her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Sandra has taught elementary school for the past five years. She is also an active member of the New Hope United Methodist Church in Goodes.

Bruce, whose father was in the service, traveled overseas and throughout the United States until 1960, when the family returned to Union City to make it their home. Bruce finished high school at Campbell of Fairburn. After graduation he entered the service and served for three years in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps.

Upon returning from the service, Bruce attended Clayton Junior College, receiving his A.A. Degree in Business Administration. He then attended Georgia Tech and Georgia State University and is now attend-

ing Control Data Institute, where he is training to be a Computer Programmer. While attending college, Bruce worked at Glasrock Products, Inc., at Fairburn for fourteen years. Bruce is also an active member of First Church Christ Scientist in East Point.

Sandra and Bruce reside in East Point, where they bought an old house and remodeled it. In the near future they plan to move back to the Goodes area and build near Sandra's parents.

Submitted by Sandra E. Cook

Sandra and Bruce Cook
on their wedding day.



Claude Cooper Family

The Claude Coopers lived on the highway, across from Tarp Turner's store. Claude married the youngest Richardson girl, "Lolie." They had two daughters, Martha and Lois. Martha died as an infant. Lois was an intellectual student. At the age of twelve she contracted polio. But she did not let that keep her from succeeding. Lois tells of her career in the story of the James Spillers elsewhere in this book.

Uncle Claude and Aunt Lolie were members of Ramah Baptist Church. Aunt Lolie was custodian of the church for many years, but that was after the pot-belly heater days. She also worked at the school cafeteria and clerked at Alfords.

Uncle Claude was a barber. He kept his customers entertained with tall tales of other customers and by-gone days—some true, some fiction. He was full of

fun and very jovial. He made up a nickname for almost everyone, and that is what he would call them from then on. Sara Ann (Jackson) Richardson was "Josie"; Plyman Landers was "Lefty"; George Barronton, who made daily visits to Claude's shop, was "Dud." Aunt Lolie did lots of nicknaming too. In my family, my mother was "Sook," my brother was "Gus," my sister was "Priss," and I was "Tadpole."

I remember Uncle Claude's roses and Aunt Lolie's red geraniums. They were great gardeners. I have seen watermelons growing in their rose garden bigger than I could find at the Farmers Market.

Unbeknown to many people, Aunt Lolie made the best homemade wine in the world. Her nieces and nephews knew it, though. It was ours for the asking sometimes, but at other times we had to sneak it. She crocheted beautifully. When she built her new home, her curtains had crocheted lace all around the edges. Cooking was not the least of her talents either. The third Sunday in August at Ramah is not the same without her potato pies.

Honors go to Aunt Lolie and Uncle Claude. (Also see Hill A. Richardson Family)

Submitted by Elizabeth (Morris) Swanson



Left-right: Claude, who was born December 27, 1895, and died May 31, 1951, Lois, and Lolie, who was born June 20, 1902 and died July 17, 1969, are shown at Cochran Mill.

Marjorie Costley Family



Bonnie, Tim, Marjorie, Ronald and Douglas

Marjorie Evelyn Wilson was born to Horace and Willie Belle Wilson in July, 1930. She has four sisters and one brother: Addie Jones, Acworth; Doris Brown, College Park; Leona Storey, Newnan; Josephine Carroll, Mableton; and Ramon Frank, Fayetteville.

After going to school in Palmetto, Marjorie married Oren William Kaufman in September, 1950. They had two sons: Douglas William, born September 10, 1951; and Ronald Edward, born October 20, 1952. Douglas went to school in Palmetto and Fairburn. On June 25, 1971 he married Bonnie Sue Carter, who was born November 6, 1951. He works for General Electric, Major Appliance Division. They live in Union City. Ronald Edward, born October 20, 1952, went to school in Palmetto and Fairburn. He is a carpenter and lives at home.

Marjorie married Vivian Warren Costley on October 31, 1966. They have one son, Timothy Warren, born October 4, 1967. A student at Charles E. Riley School, Tim plays the trumpet in the band and likes basketball and fishing.

Marjorie worked at South Fulton Hospital until her feet were operated on. She now helps care for her sick father.

Submitted by Marjorie Costley

Eli Brannon Cotton Family

Eli Brannon Cotton, born September 3, 1883, in Coweta County, Georgia moved in 1922 to Palmetto, where he lived until his death on December 26, 1972, following wife's death on April 22, 1972. He married Annie Jean Cotton, of Palmetto, on November 17, 1908. Their wedding took place in the Palmetto United Methodist Church. He managed a hardware business belonging to his father-in-law, Thomas E. Culbreath, was later employed by the American Railway Express Agency, and was appointed as Postmaster of Palmetto in August of 1937, a position in which he

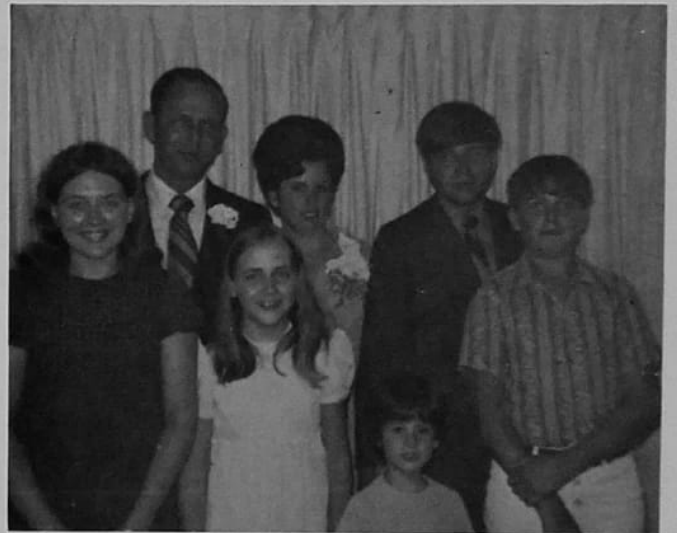
served until his retirement in 1953.

Their only child, Jean, married John Lee McCay on June 25, 1940, in the same church where her parents had been married. They lived in Palmetto until 1952, at which time they moved to College Park, Georgia, where they still reside. They had one child, Ann Jean, who is married to Tim J. Marting. They, with their two children, Jay Brannon and Jerry Lee, reside in Peachtree City, Georgia.

Submitted by Jean C. McCay

Cravey Family

James David Cravey, Sr., was born April 9, 1934, in Fayette County, Georgia, and moved to the outskirts of Palmetto in 1941. He attended Charles E. Riley Elementary School in Palmetto and Campbell High School in Fairburn. He married at the age of seventeen to Shirley Porterfield, and they had four children: Pamela, David, Donald, and Cynthia. The family lived on Sims Street. Shirley died in 1971. He married again on July 23, 1971, to Carole Barnette Scott of Forest Park, and adopted her daughter Patricia in June, 1972. He at one time was employed at the Palmetto Cotton Mill, and in 1955 began working at the General Motors Fisher-Body Plant in Lakewood. Carole Cravey went to work for the City of Palmetto in March, 1976, and was appointed City Clerk in January, 1978. The Craveys attend church at Line Creek Baptist Church in Fayette County. They still reside on Sims Street in Palmetto.



Wedding Day, July 23, 1971

Submitted by Carole Cravey

William Jackson Creel Family

William Jackson Creel, who was born November 19, 1942, is the son of Jackson Hensley Creel and Josephine Langley Creel. He was born in the Rico community and was reared in Rico and Fairburn. He graduated from Campbell High School in 1960 and attended Reinhardt College and Georgia Tech. In 1962 he married Carol Roberta Barnes, daughter of John Robert and Ruth Hopkins Barnes. Carol was raised in

the Goodes community and also graduated from Campbell High School in 1960. She attended Reinhardt College and Massey College.

Bill and Carol have three children: Christopher William, born June 23, 1965; Amy Jo, born May 9, 1968; and Jennifer Ruth, born October 17, 1969. Chris attends Palmetto High School, and Amy and Jenny are students at Rico Elementary School.

The Creels are active members of New Hope United Methodist Church, where they participate in Sunday School and Youth activities as leaders. Bill is employed by Ford Motor Company, where he is a supervisor. He is also a real estate agent with Barfield Realty. Carol is a homemaker and is employed part time.

Chris is interested in music, playing both piano and trumpet. He enjoys art and collects stamps. Amy plays piano and clarinet and enjoys cooking and babysitting. Jenny's hobbies include playing the piano and reading.

The Creels reside in the Goodes community.

Submitted by Carol Creel



W. J. Creel Family: Bill, Carol, Chris, Amy and Jenny photographed in 1978.

Don Crisp Family

James Donald Crisp was born to Simp and Eliza Crisp in 1936 in Robbinsville, North Carolina. His parents are both deceased. He has one brother, Hubert, and five sisters; Flarra Miller (now deceased), Maxie Adams, and Hannah Lee McClain (both of whom live in Cliftondale), Ellen Garland, and Clara Rogers. He attended school in Robbinsville, and in 1955 joined the U. S. Navy. Barbara Huscusson Crisp was born in Robbinsville, North Carolina in 1940. Her parents, Taylor and Gladys Huscusson, now live in Hendersonville, North Carolina. Barbara also attended school in Robbinsville. She has two sisters, Judy Merrell and Betty Jones, and two brothers, Mack (lives in Fairburn) and Ray.



Don, Barbara, Teresa, and Steve Crisp

They were married June 11, 1960, and came to live in Atlanta, where he was employed at the Chevrolet Plant. In 1960, he went to work with Eastern Airlines and is a mechanic with them now. Barbara worked at Sears Roebuck. Later she worked for Roadway Express. They moved to Forest Park in 1962 and lived there for twelve years. In 1972 they bought some land in Palmetto from the estate of Pelham Robinson and the next year built a house there.

Their son Steve was born in 1964. He is now in high school in Palmetto, where he plays the clarinet in the Raider band. He enjoys playing volleyball and softball on the church teams. Teresa was born in 1966. She attends Riley Elementary School and plays the saxophone in the band there. She enjoys playing basketball and has started playing the piano.

Don is a volunteer fireman for the Fulton County Fire Department in Rico. In his spare time he likes to do woodworking, fishing and hunting. Barbara is a member of the Town and Country Homemakers Club and the Fairburn Palmetto Junior Womans Club. She is a member of the Palmetto Baptist Church and is employed as secretary at Ramah Baptist Church.

Submitted by Barbara Crisp

Tom and Teresa Daugherty

William Thomas Daugherty was born in Columbus, Georgia, February 6, 1948, to William R. and Betty Griffin Daugherty. He has a sister, Carol, who is mar-

ried to Larry Grizzle of Tucker, Georgia. They have a daughter, Stephanie.

Teresa Wilson Daugherty was born in Atlanta,

Georgia, August 23, 1948, to Thomas H. and Jewel Neely Wilson. She has three sisters; Ramona, Beth, and Jan. She also has a brother, Dan. Ramona has one daughter, Kelly Harvey.

Teresa attended Young Harris College for one year where she met Tom. They were married on September 7, 1968. Tom continued his education, graduating from Young Harris in 1968 and from West Georgia College in 1970. Tom accepted God's call into the ministry and moved to New Orleans, where he received the Master of Religious Education Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972. While in New Orleans, Tom served as Minister of Education and Youth at Trinity Baptist Church. Teresa



Tom, Teresa, Jared and Jeana Daugherty

sa worked at the Telephone Company in the Accounting Department. Later, she became secretary to Dr. George C. Herndon, Registrar of the Seminary.

Their daughter, Jeana Renee, was born October 13, 1972, in Newnan, Georgia.

In 1972, Tom became Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church of Fairburn, Georgia. Realizing a greater call into the ministry, they moved back to New Orleans Seminary. Tom accepted a position, once again, at Trinity Baptist Church, this time as Associate Pastor. Seven months later, he became their pastor. Tom received his Master of Divinity Degree, December, 1975.

Their son, Jared Thomas, was born on November 26, 1975, in New Orleans.

The Daughertys came to Palmetto in July, 1976, where Tom serves as Pastor of Palmetto Baptist Church. He enjoys being a member of the Palmetto Fire Department and serves as Chaplain.

Teresa is president of the Town and Country Homemakers Club of Palmetto. She enjoys singing in the choir, playing softball and volleyball on the church teams. Her hobbies include sewing, macrame, crewel embroidery, tole and oil painting.

Submitted by Teresa Daugherty

Dr. Thomas Davenport Family

James Thomas Davenport, (1826-1897), fifth of thirteen children of William and Elizabeth Sydnor Davenport, married Mahulda Catherine Wilson and they had five children, three of whom died in infancy. One of the children who survived was James Thomas, who was born in 1864 and died in 1881. Another was Charles Hamilton (1866-1912), who married Beatrice Parker, 1895. They had two children: Forest, who was born in 1895 and Katherine, born in 1899. Forest married Irene Dixon, who died in 1970. There were two children: Tom Forest, Jr., born in 1930, and Irene, born in 1934. Tom Forest married Ellen Goodman. They had three children: Tom F. III., Laurie and Landon. Irene married H. W. Kruse. They have two children, Karen and Carolyn. Dr. T. F. Davenport married Marie McGee Bussey in 1977.

Katherine married William B. Jones, who was born in 1898 and died in 1973. They had three sons: William B., Jr., born in 1924; Forest Davenport, born in 1926; and Charles Hamilton, born in 1930. Wm. B., Jr., married Mary Pierce Hammond; their children are Ben, Kay and Joe. Forest D. married Marian Stross;

they have Stephen, Allen, Scott, Linda, Renee and Cynthia. Charles H. married Judith Davis; their children are Charles H. Jr., Andrew B. and Carol.

Dr. James Thomas Davenport married his second wife, Mary Latham, in 1876. They had four children: Eleanor, born in 1878; Joe, born in 1881; Sydnor, born in 1883; and Henry Brewster, born in 1884.

Old Davenport Home



Dr. James Thomas Davenport was the second of five generations of doctors in the Davenport Clan, his father before him having ministered to the sick in the community on horseback. Dr. Charles traveled via horse and buggy and was one of the first to use the automobile. His son, Forest, and grandson, Forest

Jones, are both practicing pediatricians in Atlanta.

The old Davenport home in Goodes community still stands and is now the home of the Jim Barfield family.

Submitted by Katherine D. Jones

John Andrew Davenport Family

John Andrew Davenport, son of William and Elizabeth Sydnor Davenport, was born December 20, 1830. He married Susan Redwine, who died in 1861.

Their children were Overton Valentine, who was born January 29, 1855, and married Ella Blackstock; Ellen Frances, born May 10, 1859; Susan; and Elizabeth.

John Andrew's second wife was Caroline A. Lewis, born August 2, 1844. She died February 17, 1889. Their children were Leonard E., who was born October 15, 1868, and married Florence Stevens; Martin Luther, who was born August 31, 1870 and married Evelina Henderson; John Andrew, Jr., who was born January 22, 1872, and married Lucille Pickett; Charles S.; Margaret Anne, who was born October 10, 1874,

and married Lawson Bedford; Roger Mills, who was born July 25, 1876, and married Martha Gallaway; Henry V., who was born February 14, 1878, and married Lora Madewell; Catherine Lewis, who was born May 17, 1880, and married Richard Hodges; Willie Maud, who was born March 28, 1882, and married Frederick W. Wilson; Clemmie Sue, who was born March 11, 1884, and married Aubrey C. Ratliff; and Frederick Marshall, who was born August 20, 1887, and married Lila Farrall.

John Andrew Davenport was a soldier of the Confederacy. He moved to Texas and died at Ranger, Texas, on October 18, 1916.

Submitted by Nellie Keith

Jouett Harbert Davenport Family

Jouett Harbert Davenport, son of William and Elizabeth Sydnor Andrew Davenport was born November 1, 1828. He married Mrs. Margaret S. Longino (nee Brewster), born May 27, 1824.

Their children were Eugenia; Edward W.; A. H. Stephen, who married Charlotte Shannon; Dr. O. H.;

and Jouett Harbert, Jr.

This family moved to Texas. Harbert, a Major in the Thirtieth Texas Regiment, C.S.A., died in Eastland, Texas, on November 11, 1892.

Submitted by Nellie Keith

Overton Davenport Family

Overton Davenport, born February 10, 1820, was the son of William and Elizabeth Sydnor Andrew Davenport. He married Susannah Roberts, who was born July 22, 1826. Susannah died on February 25, 1849. They had one son, William Grant, born October 16, 1845.

Overton's second wife, Eliza Pennington, was born January 1, 1832, and died December 20, 1924. Their children were Thomas Henry, who was born July 3, 1853, and married M. Laura Virginia Roberts; Ephraim Pennington, who was born November 19, 1854, and married Inez Whitney; John Jouett, who was born

October 27, 1857, and married Addie Strickland; Caroline, who was born and who died in 1856; Parks E., who was born November 1, 1859, and married Margaret Daniels; Lucy Elizabeth, who was born January 28, 1862, and married Calvin Brock; Sarah, who was born March 1, 1866; Albert Sydney, who was born November 6, 1867, and married Maud Johnson; James Samuel, who was born September 17, 1869, and married Lucy DeLoach; Baldwin Pierce, who was born July 21, 1871, and married Eva Ash; and George Lovie, who was born August 27, 1873, and married Martha Jane Rawls.

Overton, a captain in the Confederate Army, moved to Texas. He died June 22, 1909.

Submitted by Nellie Keith



Elizabeth Davenport Brock daughter of Overton Fletcher Davenport

William Davenport Family

The Davenport ancestors came from England. On November 29, 1786, James, born April 29, 1759, married Dicey Canady, born June 1759. James settled in Hanover County, Virginia, but later moved to Oglethorpe County, Georgia. James served in the Revolutionary War, was wounded in the ankle, and was a cripple the remainder of his life. He was wounded in the Battle of Brandywine. He died June 8, 1824. Dicey died November 11, 1835.

Their son, William Davenport, born September 8, 1796, in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, married Elizabeth Sydnor Andrew of Elbert County, Georgia, on December 10, 1818. Sydnor Andrew, born October 28,

1800, was the daughter of the Reverend John Andrew, a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and Mary Overton Cosby, sister of Bishop James O. Andrew.

The Davenports settled in the Cedar Branch community, Campbell County, Georgia, by 1834. Their land was later known as the Seaborn Longino home place. William died March 23, 1877; Elizabeth died October 10, 1888. Both are buried in the old Watts Church Cemetery. Their thirteen children were Overton, Eliza, Emily, Dicey, James, Jouett, John, Mary, William, Elizabeth, Samuel, Charles, and Margaret.

Overton Davenport was born February 10, 1820. Eliza Garland Davenport was born January 13, 1822. Emily Matilda Davenport was born September 18, 1823. Dicey Sarah Davenport, who was born June 1, 1825, and died August 11, 1911, in Campbell County, was buried at Watts Church Cemetery. She was a charter member of New Hope Church.

James Thomas Davenport, M.D., was born October 18, 1826. Jouett Harbert Davenport was born November 1, 1828; John Andrew Davenport was born December 20, 1830; Mary Overton Davenport was born December 26, 1832; William Harvie Davenport, who was born January 24, 1836, and died January 31, 1862, in service with the Confederacy, was buried at Lynchburg, Virginia. Elizabeth Sydnor Davenport was born January 31, 1838.

Samuel Shannon Davenport, born August 8, 1841, served the Confederacy in the 35th Georgia Regiment. He died August 6, 1862 at Richmond, Virginia. Charles Cosby Winans Davenport, born July 16, 1844, was a soldier of the Confederacy. He died in Fort Delaware Prison on September 21, 1863. Margaret Watts Davenport was born April 1846.



Mrs. (Elizabeth) William Davenport

Submitted by Nellie Keith

Freeman Dean Family

After living in Atlanta and working for the Atlanta Water Works, Harry Oliver Dean and Ruby Stephens Dean moved to Palmetto in 1933. Their children, Harry Oliver, Jr., Thomas Freeman, and Charles, moved with them to the old Nixon homeplace on Wilkerson Mill Road in Palmetto. The family operated a sawmill and farmed.

Harry Oliver Dean invented the wet tapping machine and the therobond gooseneck. He had these patented September 7, 1929. The wet tapping machine is valuable in that a tap on a gas line can be tapped and a new line added without cutting off the pressure. The only change in the machine is that instead of be-

ing hand operated it is now operated by an air motor.

In 1939 the Deans purchased the Velodrome Dairy from John C. Chapman. They operated it until 1973.

Freeman married Virginia Hines of Palmetto in 1953. They have two children: Thomas Harry and David William. In 1970 the Deans opened a machinery business, Freeman Dean Equipment. The business includes farm machinery, tractors, New Holland and Allied Lines.

Submitted by Freeman Dean

DeMoney-DeMonia Family

John and Nancy Catherine DeMoney, with a family of six children, left Newberry, South Carolina, and came to Campbell County, Georgia in about 1839. John and Nancy were born in 1778 and 1784 respectively. John died in 1852 in Campbell County. Their children were all born in Newberry and are Landers, Samuel, Catherine, George, Elizabeth and John.

The first grandchildren to be born after the family moved to Campbell County, Georgia were a son to Landers DeMoney, George J. DeMoney, and a daughter to Samuel DeMoney, Arabella Elizabeth DeMoney, in 1839. It was Samuel DeMoney's daughter, Arabella Elizabeth, who married into the Burson family; then her brother, William Pinkney DeMoney, married Lucinda Emmaline Burson, daughter of J. C. Burson and Lucinda P. (Darnell) Burson. The Bursons are buried in the Burson Cemetery on their plantation at Palmetto.

The William Pinkney DeMoney family inherited the Burson Place, and thirteen children were born there in Palmetto. The oldest living descendant of the William Pinkney DeMoney-Burson family is Jay Hugh DeMonia of Powder Springs, who was born March 9, 1897, and is 82 years old.

Three sons of William Pinkney DeMoney moved to Cullman, Alabama. The oldest, Samuel Cody DeMonia, married Mary Emma Martin, of Carroll County, Georgia, and they had ten children. Both parents are deceased. The children are: Thomas, Montez, Joel, James, Cortez, Clifford, Ira, Samuel, Cleon, and Mary.

The second William Pinkney DeMonia married Mamie Lou Brantley of Soperton, Georgia. They had eight children: Hiawatha, Iola, Naomi, Wano, Twana, Walana, Wacota, and Winona.

The third son, who moved to Cullman, was John Wesley DeMonia. He married Pearl Milligan and they had two daughters who are now living and two who died in infancy. Both parents are deceased.

Two of the William Pinkney DeMoney, Sr., family married Davis brothers and reared their families at Arley, Alabama. They were Estelle and Dora DeMoney, who married James Madison Davis and John Thomas Davis respectively. They are deceased.

Submitted by Mrs. Montez DeMonia Jones



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cody DeMonia

Christopher Lawson DeMonia Family

Christopher Lawson DeMonia, son of George and Milley Coggins DeMonia, was born in January of 1850 and died January 7, 1932. He married Sarah McWilliamson and they had four children: Ada Cornelia, Keate Lu-Bulica, Ola, and James.

Ada Cornelia DeMonia, who was born August 20, 1875, first married Rufus Edward Baker; she later married James Jackson Lee. Keate Lu-Bulica De-

Monia born November 22, 1880, married James William Hollis. Ola DeMonia, who was born June 16, 1885, married Arlin Crumby. She later married George Holcomb. James Johnhenry DeMonia, born March 25, 1890, married Janie Millander McElhaney, December 28, 1910 and died June 11, 1944.

Submitted by Mary Cabe

George DeMonia Family

George DeMonia was born in Newberry, South Carolina, in 1824, the son of John and Nancy DeMonia. He married Millander (Milley) Coggins on July 25, 1847, in Campbell County. He died April 20, 1901, in Floyd County, Georgia. He and Milley had ten children: John, Christopher, James, Rebecca, Jane, Samuel, Elizabeth, Mary, Suffronia, and Mary Alice.

John DeMonia, born in February 1848, married Mary Frances Martin; Christopher Lawson DeMonia, born in January of 1850, married Mary Elizabeth Woods August 24, 1874, and died January 7, 1932; James Cary DeMonia, born in February of 1852, mar-

ried Sarah McWilliamson; Rebecca DeMonia, born February of 1854, married J. Hamp McCool; Jane DeMonia, born in 1856, married George Camp; Samuel Austin DeMonia, born March 1, 1860; Elizabeth DeMonia, born February 5, 1862; Mary Nancy DeMonia, born June 28, 1864, married Benjamin M. McElhaney July 1, 1888, and died February 19, 1932; Suffronia DeMonia, born January 22, 1869, married Frank M. Mason; and Mary Alice DeMonia, born October 14, 1874, married William Henry Rodgers.

Submitted by Mary Cabe

James Johnhenry DeMonia Family

James Johnhenry DeMonia, son of Christopher Lawson and Sarah McWilliamson DeMonia, was born March 25, 1890. He married Janie Millander McElhaney on December 28, 1910. He died June 11, 1944. James and Janie had five children: Jessie, James Lee, Opal Lee, Ruby Nell, and Mary Eleanor.

Jessie Cornelia DeMonia was born May 11, 1915, and died June 26, 1915; James Lee DeMonia, who was born March 28, 1919, married Hazel Marie Withrow October 7, 1950; Opal Lee DeMonia was born August 26, 1921, and married J. C. Allen on October 28, 1939;

Ruby Nell DeMonia was born September 15, 1926, and married J. W. Itson on February 14, 1948; and Mary Eleanor DeMonia was born March 16, 1941 and married Earl Cabe on September 12, 1962.

Mary Eleanor and Earl Cabe had two children: Terry Wayne, born July 21, 1963; and Misty LeWanda, born January 14, 1965.

Mary Eleanor's father and mother were first cousins.

Submitted by Mary Cabe

John Demonia Family

John Demonia born in 1778 in Virginia, and his wife, Nancy, came from Newberry County, South Carolina, to Cliftondale, in Campbell County, Georgia in the 1830's. John died there in 1852. Their children were Landers, Samuel, John, George, Catherine, and Elizabeth.

Angeline Demonia Casey, her daughter, Lilla Virginia, and William H. Blissett



Samuel Demonio, born in 1803 in South Carolina, married Miss Mary Catherine Moates before he came with his parents to Cliftondale. He was a prosperous farmer before the Civil War, but afterwards had little left except his land. One of his slaves, Jake Demonio, a houseboy before the War, was very loyal to him and refused to leave, staying after the War to help him farm and hunt. Samuel died in 1888, and managed to leave each of his children a farm.

Samuel's children were Frances, who married James R. Taylor; Mary Meshawey, who married Thomas A. McKirley; Elizabeth Arabella, who married first Ausborn Burson and later William Croker; William Pinkney, who married Lucinda Burson; Angeline, who married Daniel Jasper Casey; Samuel F.,

who was killed as a child; Winney, who married Solomon Humphries; and Drucilla who married W. G. "Bud" Croker.

Angeline Demonio was born in 1843 and married Daniel Casey in Campbell County on February 7, 1864. She was received by letter into the Providence Baptist Church at Rico on August 23, 1914, and remained a member until her death on June 2, 1929. Her only child was Lilla Virginia, who was born on December 28, 1873, and died on December 9, 1942. She became the wife of William Henry Blissett.

Submitted by Lanny Cauthen

William Pinckney Demonio Family



Euna Demonio Reid, daughter, of Lucinda Burson Demoney and William Pickney Demoney

William Pinckney Demonio was the son of Samuel Demonio and his wife, Mary Catherine Moates. He was born on February 4, 1841, and was married on September 25, 1870, to Lucinda Emiline Burson, who was born on September 18, 1851. She was the daughter of James Cody Burson and his wife, Lucinda Darnell. William and Lucinda made their home in the

Rico community, where he died on March 4, 1920, and she on July 26, 1919. They are both buried at the Rico Cemetery.

Their children were James Polk Demonio (October 16, 1871-1916), who married Josephine Davis (February 4, 1870-November 15, 1911); Elizabeth Demonio (March 23, 1873-June 17, 1913), who married Lord Costley (September 17, 1874-August 24, 1931); Dora M. Demonio, who was born 1877 and married L. L. Blissett on January 5, 1898; I Linna Demonio, who was born in 1878, died as a child and is buried in the Burson Cemetery; Samuel Demonio, who was born in 1878, married a Miss Martin; Mary Frances Demonio (October 9, 1884-July 1965), who married Colley Garrett; Delia Demonio, who married Hermon Davis; Estell Demonio, who married Jim Davis; John Wesley Demonio, who died and is buried at Cullman, Alabama; William Pinckney Demonio Jr., who married Mamie Brantley on September 1, 1902; Emma Demonio; and Euna B. Demonio (August 17, 1894-March 23, 1971), who married Lucius Reed.

William Pinckney and Mamie Demonio gave their children Indian names. These children are Hiawatha, Iola, Naomi, Walter, Twana, Walana, Wacota, and Winona.

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. J. Hue Demonio

Joseph A. Dennis Family

Joseph A. Dennis was born February 21, 1882, in Carroll County, Georgia. He was the eldest son of Jesse D. Dennis and Martha Ward. He married Louise

Christine Beckman December 31, 1912, and they resided in the Beckman house for the remainder of their lives. She died October 28, 1938, and he died

August 22, 1944.

He worked for the A&WP railroad and was a locomotive engineer at the age of twenty. While he was on freight trains and no restrictions were on steam whistles, he became well known between Atlanta and Montgomery for the sad tune he played on the whistle. This led to many legends as to the reason for the sad tune. One of the legends was that he accidentally ran over his wife when she brought his lunch to meet the train. Many articles have been published about him and his whistle: the latest was in the RAILROAD magazine 1978.

He was active in civic affairs and was instrumental in getting the City Water Works approved and installed while he was Mayor.

They had one son, Joseph A., born October 12, 1913. He married Sarah Jane Alexander August 8, 1942, and they settled in California. He was Chief Engineer on steamships and was later employed in the shipbuilding and ship repair industry. He is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

He and Sarah now live in Palmetto. They have two children, Carl and Louisa.

Submitted by J. A. Dennis



Engineer Joe Dennis tuning his famous three-cell chime whistle.

Dennis Family

Jessie Daniel Dennis was born May 2, 1855, in North Carolina. On December 1, 1880, he married Martha Jackson Ward, from Carroll County. She was born August 18, 1862. He was a section foreman with the Atlanta West Point Railroad and also a night watchman at the Palmetto Cotton Mill.

The Dennises raised one of the largest families to ever live in the mill village. Their home is on Cranford Street, and they are the only family ever to live in this house.

There were thirteen children, among whom there were three sets of twins. All of the children worked in the Palmetto Cotton Mill at one time. Some started out at twenty-five cents a day.

Joe Dennis was born February 21, 1882, and died August 22, 1944. Ward Beecher was born August 19, 1883, and died December 25, 1935. Minnie Ada was born September, 1885, and died October 13, 1886. Albert and Agnes (twins) were born February 26, 1887. Albert died May 22, 1959, and Agnes died September 9, 1962. Cora and Nora (twins) were born December 6, 1889. Cora died May 31, 1964, and Nora died August 2, 1972. Crawford M. Dennis was born September, 1891, and died June 4, 1978. Jessie and Bessie (twins) were born August 9, 1900. George A. Dennis was born August 28, 1894. Flora Mae Dennis was born March 4, 1898, and died October 21, 1898. A baby boy died before being named.

George and Bessie are the only two children living. George never married. He retired at the age of eighty-four and is still living in the family home. Bessie lives in Manchester, Georgia.

Submitted by Carole Harper

Martha and Jessie Dennis are pictured with four of their thirteen Children: George, Crawford, Jessie and Bessie.



Paris Nolan Donehoo

Paris Nolan Donehoo was born August 14, 1952, in Atlanta, Georgia and made his first home in Decatur. His father died when he was six years old, and later his mother, Peggy, married John Donehoo, who adopted Paris along with his two younger sisters, Pam and Joy. The family moved to Roswell, where a brother, Timothy, was born. The elder Donehoo is part owner and operator of Roswell Seating Company.

Iris Anne Mills was born July 21, 1952, in Atlanta to John and Elizabeth Mills. At age seven, she moved to Roswell, along with her older brother, Tom, and her mother. Mrs. Mills was, until her recent retirement, a teacher at Roswell High School.

Paris and Iris began dating while seniors in high school. After graduation in 1970 both attended Kennesaw Junior College for two years. It was during this time that Paris felt the call of God to enter the ministry. He was ordained by the Roswell First Baptist Church in December of 1973.

Paris transferred from Kennesaw to Georgia Southern College, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in history. Iris completed her education at the University of Georgia, where she was graduated cum laude with the Bachelor of Science degree and a major in elementary education.

The couple were married on August 3, 1974, and moved to Fort Worth, Texas, where Paris entered Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was graduated in May, 1977, with the Master of Divinity degree. Sardis Baptist Church in Palmetto called him as pastor the following October.

Paris and Iris have one child, Meg, born January 2, 1978. In addition to his church work, Paris enjoys playing the guitar, writing, and reading. Iris enjoys singing in the church choir, teaching a Sunday School Class, and gardening.

Submitted by Paris Donehoo

Duke Family

Edward Gilbert Duke, better known as "Mr. Ed," was born October 10, 1872, in old Coweta County, one mile below Palmetto. He married Betty Lou Robinson, a Newnan girl, September 21, 1898, and worked for C. B. Moseley and Company for over fifty years. In 1943, after the death of Betty Lou, he moved to Atlanta to live with his daughter, Dorothy, and her husband, Francis Louis Brittain, better known as "Red." He was also a Palmetto boy-born and raised there. Dorothy's maternal grandmother, Lou Robinson, and Sophie Latimer, her beloved "Big Mammy," lived with her and were very important to her. Mr. Ed. had one son, Charles Latimer Duke, who passed away in 1961. Mr. Ed had two sisters and three brothers, all of whom are gone now. He lived to be ninety-six and was active until the last four years of his life.

Francis and Dorothy Brittain have two fine sons. Francis Louis Brittain, Jr., and his wife, Ruth, live in Atlanta and have two daughters. Suzanne Brittain Carlson, her husband Carl and little son Brooks live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Janet lives with her husband, Fara Movighannia, in Smyrna, Georgia. Dorothy's younger son is Edward Robinson Brittain, who with his wife, Ruth, lives in Orlando, Florida. Red and Dorothy moved to Honeymoon Island, Dunedin Beach, in 1971. In February 1978 he passed away just

four months before their fifty-eighth anniversary. Although Dorothy continues to live in Florida, Palmetto still holds the strings to her heart.

Submitted by Dorothy Duke Brittain

Betty Lou and Ed Duke



Lewis Dyer Family

Lewis Dyer was born June 20, 1885, in Palmetto, Campbell County, Georgia. He was married to Miss Annie Menefee, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Menefee. To this union eleven children were born. They are Harry, Evandal (Van), Fred, Ronny, Rosie Ann Dyer Garrison, Jerry (J.C.), Amy Lee Dyer Sumlin, Ellastine, Mary Ellen Dyer Hindsman, Johnny Lewis, and Mildred Dyer White.

Lewis was a member of the Vernon Grove Baptist Church, but later became a member of the Ramah Baptist Church under the pastorate, of the Reverend J. S. Hammonds. At Ramah he served as a deacon.

Annie's hobbies included sewing and embroidery.

Lewis, who was an excellent farmer, helped supply many markets. In 1926 he share cropped with John Attaway. In 1929 he farmed with John Chatman. While on the Chatman farm Lewis raised peanuts, corn, peas, watermelons, sweet potatoes, and wheat. In 1939 he raised twenty-two bales of cotton. He also made his own syrup.

On September 30, 1940, Annie Menefee Dyer died at the age of forty-one.

Later in 1945 Lewis began farming with Robert Barnes. During his years of farming he saved enough money to buy his home at 226 Taylor Circle from Sim Bryant.

Thanks to the Lord, Lewis had never been hospitalized for eighty-one years. In 1968 his health began to fail and he was hospitalized for a short time. He then returned home, where he was always happy to have his family around him. Lewis was in good spirit and sound mind until his death, on February 20, 1977, at the age of ninety-one.

Submitted by Amy Lee Sumlin



Mary Hindman and Amy Sumlin visiting their father, Lewis Dyer in hospital.

Eidson Family

All the Eidsons in the United States seem to have come from one man, Edward, and his wife, Penelope, who first appeared in Richmond County in the northern neck of Virginia in 1715. The name is believed to be Norwegian Viking, and the family to be of Scottish-English descent. It appears that Edward of Virginia came from a family in the Leeds area of Yorkshire, England.

Joseph and Sarah Eidson appear in the 1840 census in Campbell (now Fulton) County. They had ten children: Mary, Liza, John W., James M., David C., Landus, Thomas R., Samuel, Ira and Joseph Cephus. Seven of the boys served in the Civil War. James died in Virginia just as the war ended.

Joseph and Sarah were Baptists. It is not clear where they first joined the church. Joseph came as a deacon to Ramah Baptist Church in Palmetto, May 18, 1867; Sarah came as a member.

Joseph Cephus Eidson (born August 10, 1851; died September 28, 1928) married Henry Etter Mann (born June 23, 1862) in a ceremony performed by Rev. Stephen Shell on January 6, 1880.

Joseph joined Ramah Baptist Church by experience May 18, 1867. He and Etter are listed as original members of Sardis Baptist Church.

Joseph and Etter were farmers and were hard-

working, honest people. They never owned land, but lived on several prominent farms in the Sardis community.

Nine children were born to this couple. They lived to see all of the children married and most of the grandchildren born. Their children were Alma, Walton, Alice May, Oscar, Eva, Homer, Edison, Jewell and Naomi. All these children but one joined Sardis Baptist Church. Homer joined Macedonia. Joseph, Etter, and five of their children with their spouses chose Sardis as their place to be buried.

Submitted by Sara Eidson Wilson

The Eidson family was together for a family reunion in August, 1902. They are, left to right, back row, Homer, Eva, Oscar, Alma, Walton, Alice May; front row, Joseph Cephus, Jewell, Henry Etter, Naomi and Edison.



Earl Eidson Family

William Earl Eidson, born April 10, 1949, is the son of William Ralph and Dorothy Harley Eidson of Rico Road in Palmetto. This is where Earl grew up. Earl graduated from Campbell High School in 1967. He has one younger brother, Gary Thomas, who married the former Rebecca Tidwell of Fairburn on April 27, 1973. They have two children: Russell Edward, age eight, and Sarah Maria, age four.

Earl married the former Kathleen Cochran of Palmetto on December 28, 1972. Kathleen, born December 28, 1954, is the daughter of William Owen, Sr., and Hilda Peek Cochran of Perry, Georgia, but for-

merly of Palmetto. Kathleen was raised on Waterworks Road in Palmetto and graduated from Palmetto High School in 1973. She has one older brother, William Owen, Jr., age twenty-seven and three younger sisters: Mary Sue, age twenty-one; Bessie Emma, age sixteen and Margaret Alice, age thirteen. Earl and Kathleen live in a mobile home park in Fairburn. They have one daughter, Melanie Diane, born October 2, 1978. Earl is a mechanic for Rayloc in Atlanta, and Kathleen is a homemaker.

Submitted by Kathleen Eidson

Edison Eidson

Edison Eidson was born in Campbell County, May 16, 1893. He was the youngest son of Joseph Cephas Eidson and Henrietta Mann Eidson. He had three brothers: Walter, Oscar, and Homer, and five sisters: Alma, Alice Mae, Eva, Jewel, and Naomie. He was married to Eula Mae Lambert on December 6, 1912. She was the daughter of Joe and Mattie Lambert.

They had three sons: Joseph Harold, born January 17, 1914; William Ralph, born December 6, 1917; and Charles Elmer, born January 6, 1927. Joseph Harold was married to Hattie Laura Shell, July 13, 1941. They have two children: Marvin Edward and Sandra Rebecca. William Ralph married Dorothy Harley, November 9, 1941. They have two sons: William Earl and Gary Thomas. Charles Elmer married Hazel Black, and they had one son, Charles Edison.

Edison lived in the Sardis and Goodes communities his entire life. He was self-employed as a farmer and carpenter. He became a member of Sardis Baptist Church at an early age, and was a faithful member until his death, May 9, 1963. He died as the result of an accident on his farm on Rico Road in Goodes community. He is buried in Sardis Cemetery. His wife, Eula Mae, passed away September 23, 1972. She is also buried at Sardis. Their youngest son, Charles Elmer, died August 13, 1968, at age 41. He is buried in Holly Hill Memorial Park, Fairburn, Georgia. The

other sons, Joseph Harold, and William Ralph, still reside in Goodes community.

Submitted by Harold Eidson



Mr. and Mrs. Edison Eidson in 1960

Edward and Pamela Eidson

Marvin Edward Eidson was born on May 21, 1946, in the Goodes community. He is the son of Joseph

Harold and Hattie Shell Eidson. His grandparents were the late Edison and Eula Mae Eidson, and the

late James Parks and Frances Ann Shell of Palmetto.

Edward attended grade school at Charles E. Riley in Palmetto, high school at Campbell High in Fairburn, and is presently attending West Georgia College in Carrollton and majoring in psychology.

Since he lived on the farm during his early childhood, he helped his father raise cattle, broilers, and laying hens.

Edward joined the 4-H Club in the fifth grade of school and continued through high school, winning many honors and trophies, his major projects being weed control and raising broilers.

Among his hobbies have been raising pure-bred beagles, San Juan rabbits, horseback riding and gene-

alogy.

Edward married Pamela Edwina Hembree on June 3, 1977. Pam is the daughter of Charles Edward and Jeanette Jones Hembree of Palmetto. She attended grade school at Charles E. Riley and graduated from Palmetto High School, where she was a member of the R.O.T.C. She received many honors in R.O.T.C. and served as Second Lieutenant.

Pam's hobbies are working with flowers, doing French embroidery and macrame.

They lived for a short while in Palmetto, but later bought a home on Rico Road, where they are presently living.

Submitted by Hattie Shell Eidson

Joseph Harold Eidson

Joseph Harold Eidson, oldest son of Edison and Eula Mae Eidson, was born January 17, 1914, in Sardis community in Campbell County. He was married July 13, 1941, to Hattie Laura Shell, youngest daughter of James P. and Frances Ann Shell. At the time of their marriage, Hattie was employed at Arrow Shirt Company, East Point, where she worked for ten years.

They first lived in Palmetto in the St. Elmo Hotel and then moved to Goodes community. In 1948 they purchased land and built a home on Rico Road in which they still live.

They have two children: Marvin Edward, born May 21, 1946, and Sandra Rebecca, born September 1, 1952. Edward is married to Pam Hembree. He is self employed as a building contractor and attends West Georgia College. Sandra is married to Bruce Cook and lives in East Point. She graduated from Georgia State University and received her Masters Degree at West Georgia College. She is now teaching in the Fulton County School System.

Harold spent his early life as a farmer and later became a part-time farmer and building contractor in partnership with his son. He is now semi-retired and enjoys working with his herd of cattle. His hobby is cooking pork barbecue and brunswick stew.

He and his wife are active members of New Hope Methodist Church. He is a certified lay speaker in the Atlanta College Park District, trustee, Sunday school teacher, lay leader and choir member of his local church. He is a member of the Georgia Farm Bureau. He takes part in all activities of his community.

Submitted by Edward Eidson



Joseph Harold and Hattie Laura Shell Eidson are shown with their son, Edward, and his wife, Pam; and their daughter Sandra and her husband, Bruce Cook.

Oscar Eidson Family

Oscar Eidson, the fourth child of Joseph Cephus and Henry Etter Eidson, was born May 2, 1886, and died September 12, 1975. He was married to Emma Nettie Barfield October 27, 1907, at her father's home by justice of the peace, Allen Hudson. She was born July 4, 1881. When she died June 16, 1910, she was

buried at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Douglas County, Georgia. On December 24, 1911, Oscar was married to a half sister of his first wife, Ada Jane Barfield, at her father's home by the Reverend J. W. McKlead. Ada Jane was born December 27, 1888, and died July 1, 1970.

Oscar and Ada bought a home in Carroll County. After living there a few years they sold it and bought a place in Douglas County. This was home to all their children, who went to elementary school at Ebenezer, to high school at McWhorter and Douglasville. The home was half way between Ebenezer and Mt. Zion Baptist Churches and one mile from Flint Hill Methodist. Our whole social life centered around these three churches. We either walked or went on a two horse wagon.

This was a farm family with the men working at sawmills or carpentering between seasons. Everybody worked: men, women and children. We stayed in the field from sun up until sundown, more than half of our time, with one hour out for lunch.

Their children were: Horace, by his first wife, married Winnie Wilson, Sara married T. D. Wilson, Naomi married Roy Cochran, Ruby married Benny Freeman, Christine married Billy Graves, and two children died young.

In 1948, when these children were grown, Oscar wanted to go home. He sold and bought a farm on

Rico Road, Fulton County, and lived there until 1971. He and his wife are buried at Sardis Baptist Church.

Submitted by Sara Eidson Wilson



Oscar Eidson is pictured with his family in November, 1968.

James C. Emerson Family

James Clyde Emerson was born April 27, 1950, in Atlanta, Georgia. He is the youngest son of four children born to Ralph and Sarah Emerson. Jim has two brothers, Ralph, Jr., and Ed, both residing in the metropolitan Atlanta area. His sister, Sandra, lives in Orange Park, Florida. Ralph and Sarah Emerson still live in Red Oak, Georgia, where they raised all of their children. All of the Emerson children are married.

Pamela Garner Emerson was born July 15, 1955, in Atlanta, Georgia. She is the oldest of three children born to William and Betina Garner. Pamela has one sister, Sherry, who is married, and one brother, Bruce, who still resides with her parents. Jim and Pam met in May, 1974, and were married on April 30, 1977. In October, 1977, they bought a lot in the Palmetto area. They moved to Palmetto into their new house, which they built in August, 1978. Jim and Pam have no children at this time.

Pam attended Therrell High School, in the Ben Hill community. She is presently employed with Amcell Personnel Agency as an office manager. She enjoys

her new home and church activities. Pam and Jim are members of Palmetto Baptist Church. Jim attended Lakeshore High School and West Georgia College. He also spent six years with the U. S. Army Reserve. He is employed with Fulton County Fire Department, where he is a Captain at Station No. 7. He enjoys weight training as a hobby and working around his new home.

Submitted by James C. Emerson



Pam and Jim Emerson

William Michael Exner Family

William Mety Exner, of Chicago, Illinois, and Francine Holman, of Danielsville, Georgia, were married March 17, 1952. On July 23, 1953, William Michael Exner, their first child, was born in Aurora, Illinois.

The Exner family, including Jason Eric, born 1954; Jane Gail, born 1957; and Jeffrey Craig, born 1961, lived in Downers Grove, Illinois, until 1963, when they moved to Newnan, Georgia. William M. Exner

began teaching in the Fulton County School System, and has taught at Campbell High School since 1966.

Mike graduated from Newnan High School in 1971 and entered the University of Georgia, where he participated in the Redcoat Band, University Jazz Ensemble, Men's Glee Club, University Chorus, and Phi Mu Alpha, a music fraternity. He ultimately received his B.S. degree from West Georgia State College, and began teaching science in South Fulton High School in 1977. While a student, Mike directed music in several churches, including three and one half years at Macedonia Baptist in Newnan. In 1979, he became Minister of Music at Palmetto Baptist Church.

John Ansley Ritch, of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Jo Anne Hall, of Blue Ridge, Georgia, were married in Blue Ridge, January 9, 1955. On November 18 of that year, their first child, Jill Anne, was born in Newnan, Georgia. John Ritch began teaching music in the Newnan schools in 1954, and has continued, expanding to the County Schools, primarily Evans Junior High. Two other daughters were born, Rebecca Hall in 1957, and Mary Jeanne (Jeannie) in 1962.

Jill graduated from Newnan High School in 1973 and entered the University of Georgia. She was active in many music organizations, including soloist with the Redcoat Band. She was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota, a music sorority, and Alpha Lambda Delta, Mortarboard, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Pi Kappa Lambda, all honor fraternities.

She was named Outstanding Senior in 1977 and was the recipient of several scholarships from 1973-1977. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with degrees in Music and English. In 1978 she taught at Evans Junior High School, and began teaching at Palmetto High School in 1978-79.

Michael Exner and Jill Ritch were married July 23, 1978. The Exners moved to Palmetto from Union City in 1979. They are members of the Palmetto Baptist Church.

Submitted by Jill Exner



Mike and Jill Exner

Leland Penn Fomby, Sr., Family

Leland Penn Fomby, Sr., was born in old Campbell County in the Rico community on April 4, 1911. He was the son of Luther Monroe Fomby and Mae Delle Capps Fomby. In 1933, on July 15, he married Elizabeth Sumpter, who was born in Athens, Georgia, on September 21, 1910. She was the daughter of William Franklin Sumpter and Alice Pearl Mitchell Sumpter. John, as Leland Penn was nick-named, had two daughters, Mary Elizabeth and Nancy Delle, and one son, Leland Penn, Jr.

Mary Elizabeth married Sidney Buford (Boots) Bentley. They had three sons: Michael Anthony (Tony) Bentley, who married Wynelle Forrest and has two sons, Michael Anthony, Jr., and Christopher Lee;

Timothy Kevin Bentley, who married Peggy Schwab; and Bryan Lee Bentley.

Nancy Delle married Ralph Scoggins, and they have one daughter, Julie Lynn.

Leland Penn, Jr., also called John, married Elizabeth Stokes. They have one daughter, Julie Elizabeth.

Elizabeth and John, Sr., moved from Atlanta to Rico community in 1942. They moved from Rico to Palmetto in 1945. They have been in the restaurant business, grocery business (now Minit Check) and florist business. They retired in 1973 and now live in Rico community.

Submitted by Elizabeth Fomby

Ludie Wilson Fowler



The family of Ludie Wilson Fowler are shown in May 1966. John and Ludie Fowler, Charlene, Frances and Tommie Tribble.

Ludie Wilson, daughter of Joseph and Adeline Wilson, was born in 1903 in Palmetto, Georgia.

In 1921 Ludie moved to Atlanta with her oldest sister, Pearl. She was married in 1922 to James Johnson, and in 1923 they became the parents of a daughter, Frances.

Ludie worked at Carhart for fourteen years and Tingue Brown and Company until she retired in 1967.

In 1942, she married John Fowler from Acworth, Georgia. They lived in Detroit, Michigan from 1943 to 1944. Mr. Fowler died in 1976.

Ludie's daughter, Frances, married W. T. Tribble, Jr., in 1939. They are the parents of one daughter,

Charlene Tribble, and one son, David Tribble. Both children are employed and live in the Atlanta area.

Ludie, her daughter, Frances, and her husband now reside in Union City, Georgia.

Submitted by Ludie Wilson Fowler

Isaac Garrett Family

Isaac Garrett, who was born July 22, 1808, and died September 8, 1867, married Elizabeth Ball, who was born July 19, 1807, and died March 7, 1875. Both are buried in Piney Woods Cemetery in Rico Community. Their daughter, Frances Elizabeth Garrett, married William Morgan Walthall. Among their children were Myrtie W. Brittain, Louise W. Gibbs, and Frances W. Thornton.

Another of Isaac's daughters, Mary Ann Garrett, married William Henry Givens. Their children were Joseph, Edward, Victoria, and Myrtie Frances.

Joseph A. was born January 13, 1853, and died June 1, 1907. He married Susan Elizabeth Hudson, who was born October 28, 1857, and died October 16, 1885. (Susan's brother, Walter (Mongo) was father of Kate, Janie, Frank, and Cecil Hudson).

Joe was Constable and operated a livery stable in Palmetto.

Joe and Susan's children were Lillye Belle, who married Alfred Cranford; and Young Clyde, who was born January 10, 1871, and died September 5, 1938. He married Jennie Lou Cox, who was born June 3, 1876, and died February 23, 1918. (Their adopted daughter, Mary Givens Bryan, was Director of the Georgia Department of Archives and instrumental in planning and establishing the new building near the State Capitol in Atlanta — her portrait hangs there.) Clyde was a druggist and established a business in

LaGrange and later on Ormond Street in Atlanta. Myrtie Frances Givens was born December 30, 1880, and died May 6, 1962. She married William Hardaway Johnston.

Edward Givens married Luticia Smith, of Rico Community. They settled in Sparkman, Arkansas, raised a large family, and both are buried there. Victoria Givens married Morris Loyd Colquit, who was born November 10, 1883, and died August 30, 1886.

Submitted by Mrs. Robert H. Johnston



Myrtie Frances Givens
Johnston

Daniel W. Gentry Family

Daniel Wiley Gentry, who was born February 16, 1857, and died August 5, 1912, was the son of Burgess Gentry. He married Julia Augusta Sewell, who was born July 19, 1861, and died April 16, 1925. She was the daughter of William Sewell and Mary King of the Roscoe Community. They settled in old Campbell County, their last residence being the present Johnny Thompson home on Hutcheson Ferry Road.

They had ten children: Ethel, Wayne, Ovey, Clifford, Frank, Myrtie, Lester, William, Lena and Charlie. Ethel, who was born September 20, 1882, and died September 8, 1966, married William Thomas and settled in this area. They had seven children who still

live in the Newnan-Palmetto area. Wayne, who was born April 5, 1885, and died July 10, 1973, married Florence Chatham. They had three sons: Carl, Roy, and Buford. He was in the lumber business in Palmetto. Ovey died in early childhood. Clifford married Nelle Tanner. He was born June 14, 1888, and died June 5, 1927. Frank, who was born October 21, 1889, remained at home with his mother to operate the farm after his father's death. He married Letha Spain. Myrtie, who was born February 4, 1891, and died January 21, 1978, married Dr. William H. Astin and settled in Palmetto. Lester, who was born July 25, 1892, and died August 26, 1958, married Lula Robinson, who

was born October 26, 1892, and died August 15, 1978. They had three children: Daniel W., Thelma, and Robert. Lester was a business man and a rural mail carrier in Palmetto for thirty-eight years. His son, Daniel W., and Daniel's wife, Anna (Pat) Mallory, have three children and still live in Palmetto. William, who was born July 31, 1896, married Cornelia Thompson. Lena, who was born April 12, 1900, married John L. Camp. Charlie, who was born December 9, 1901, married Minnie Barnes.

Submitted by Frances (Billie) Astin Sims



The Daniel Wiley Gentry Family pictured in 1903.

Samuel G. Gentry Family

Samuel Green Gentry, of Irish descent, married Cornelia Thomas Dean of German descent. They had eight children: John, Pearl, Tom, Clyde, Effie, Guy, Calvin and Dean. At one time Sam Gentry was night watchman for the city of Palmetto, Campbell County.

Edward Guy Gentry, born December 18, 1890, was a farmer and a cotton ginner. He lived about ten miles west of Palmetto in Rico Community.

On September 26, 1915, he married Maggie Inez Varner, born July 9, 1897. Her parents were John Whitfield Varner, born August 29, 1855, and died in March 1935, and Mattie Zellars Varner, born November 20, 1855 and died November 16, 1918. He was the son of William Matthew Varner, born October 9, 1824, and died January 29, 1889, and grandson of John Henley Varner, who settled here in 1826. The brothers and sisters of Maggie Inez Varner Gentry were: Emmett Varner, Mamie Turner, Ruby Green, Mattie

Lou Huffmaster, and Winnie.

Guy and Maggie Gentry had two daughters, Ellen and Jean. Ellen Gentry lives at the old home place where she was born. Jean Gentry Angel Price had three children: Janice, Charles, and Richard Angel.

Janice Angel married W. C. Blackmon, June 16, 1973. They have one daughter, Melissa, and have built a home on the old home place. They are active members of Sardis Church.

Charles Angel married Brenda Snow. They live in a new home with their two children, Jerrimy and Jennifer, on the old home place.

Richard Angel lives with his mother at Conley, Georgia.

Submitted by Ellen Gentry

Mary Ann (Richardson) Grace Family

Mary Ann, born August 24, 1938, attended Charles E. Riley School and Campbell High School, graduating in 1956. It was at Martha Berry College in Rome, Georgia, that she completed two and one-half years and met her future husband. Engaged to Cecil Wendell Grace, son of Cecil and Elmira Grace of Grand Ridge, Florida, Mary Ann was employed by the Atlanta Gas Light Company in Atlanta while Wendell completed his education at the University of Florida.

Mary Ann and Wendell were married August 8, 1959, at Ramah Baptist Church by the Reverend Ralph Bobo. Mary Ann had been a member of this church since 1946. After marriage the couple resided in Munich, Germany, where they lived with a German couple. This afforded them the opportunity of visiting many sites that would be missed on tours.

Wendell completed his military service in Germany and the couple returned to the States, settling in Jasper, Florida. Wendell began a career of teaching as Mary Ann awaited the birth of their first child. Cecelia Wendellyn (Wendy) was born January 27, 1962, and Henry Thomas (Hank) May 8, 1965.

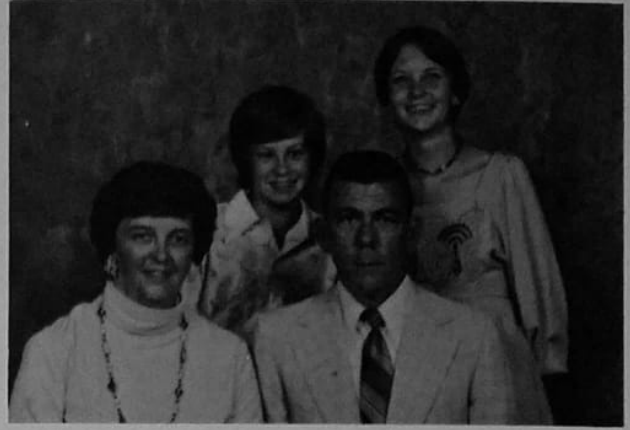
Mary Ann completed her education at Valdosta State College while rearing a family. During this time she remained on the Dean's List of honor students. Mary Ann has taught for the past twelve years in White Springs and Jasper, Florida. Wendell taught at Hamilton High until 1979, when he began a new career with the Oxidental Chemical Corporation near White Springs, Florida.

Mary Ann has continued her church activities through the years. Presently she conducts Sunday

morning services at the local nursing home, utilizing her talents in music ministry. She is a Past Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and recently was elected President of the Hamilton County Education Association.

(Also see Thomas GeHugh Richardson Family)

Submitted for Mary Ann by her sister, Berta R. Bradley



Mary Ann and Wendell Grace; Hank and Wendy.

Richard Grace Family

Richard Grace and Janice Jenkins were married May 19, 1962, and set up housekeeping at 519 Locke Street, which is still the family home today. Richard, the son of Dick Grace, of Douglas, Arizona, and Mildred Sims, of Villa Rica, Georgia, moved to Palmetto in 1952. Janice is the daughter of Richard Jenkins and Emma Lou Handley and was born and reared in Palmetto.

Richard and Janice have four children: Allen, Kevin, Kenneth, and Allison. The family is active in the Palmetto Baptist Church, where Richard serves as deacon. Both Richard and Janice have served as leaders and teachers of various departments.

Richard was employed by Delta Air Lines in 1960 and has made a career of Airline work. He presently is a material planner in the powerplant overhaul section of the Atlanta maintenance base. He is also a dedicated member of the Palmetto Volunteer Fire Department, where he serves as assistant chief. His hobby is restoring antique cars.

Janice, after a brief career with Fulton National Bank, became a housewife and a devoted mother.

Allen, the eldest son, is a sophomore at Palmetto High, where he is an honor student and is active in the Raider band. Kevin will be a seventh grader at Riley school, and his favorite hobby is fishing. Ken-

neth is entering the fourth grade at Riley and enjoys sports and model cars. Allison, the youngest, will enter kindergarten this year. She enjoys dancing and her three big brothers.

The entire family is proud of the contribution they have made to Palmetto's history.

Submitted by Richard and Janice Grace



Richard, Janice, Allen, Kevin, Kenneth and Allison are shown at their home, 519 Locke Street.

David Grubbs Family

Kenneth David Grubbs was born in Palmetto to Theodore and Margaret Barge Grubbs on December 5, 1948. He has four sisters: Beverley (Mrs. Stan) Johnston, Karen (Mrs. Frank) Lambert, and Sara (Mrs. Tommy) Bentley of Palmetto, and Linda (Mrs. Steve) Almond of Alpharetta. David attended Riley Elementary in Palmetto and graduated from Campbell High in Fairburn in 1967. He served in the United States Army from May of 1968 until May of 1970, serving sixteen months in Germany.

Dianne Chandler Grubbs was born in Fayetteville, Georgia, on March 6, 1950. She is the daughter of J. B. and Charlotte Willoughby Chandler of Fayetteville. She is a 1968 graduate of Fayette County High and graduated from Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in September of 1971. She has one sister, Carol Berry, and one brother, Dennis Chandler, who both live in Fayetteville.

Dianne and David were married June 19, 1970. They have three sons: Jason, born March 14, 1973; Jo-



David Grubbs Family: David, Dianne, Jason, Joseph, and Paul. Taken in 1979.

seph, born September 2, 1975; and Paul, born October 5, 1978.

David is presently employed as supervisor of the School Bus Shop for Fayette County, where he has worked since 1973. Dianne works part-time at Newnan Hospital where she has been employed since September of 1971.

David and Dianne are members of Sardis Baptist Church, where David teaches in Sunday School and in Training Union, is president of the Brotherhood, and has a group of RA's.

Dianne is active in Baptist Young Women. David is a member of the Palmetto Volunteer Fire Department and is a licensed Emergency Medical Technician.

Submitted by Dianne Grubbs

Taska Theodore Grubbs Family

Theodore (Slim) Grubbs was born June 15, 1918, in Franklin County, Georgia, to the late Richard Lemuel and Sara Rose Haynie Grubbs. He has one sister, Thedrel Grubbs, of Warner Robins, Georgia, and five brothers: Robert L., of Warner Robins, Georgia; Lonnie H., of Gay, Georgia; The Reverend James P., of St. Joseph, Missouri; Marion C., of College Park, Georgia; and Kenneth W. (Bud), of Palmetto, Georgia. He graduated from Alvaton High School.

Margaret Barge was born April 2, 1923 in Tyrone, Georgia, to David Mance and the late Mattie Mae Adams Barge. She has two brothers: Miles H., of College Park, and Lewis W., of Tyrone, Georgia.

They were married in Palmetto November 2, 1940, and made Palmetto their permanent residence in 1941. He worked as a mechanic for E. B. Hutson until 1947, when he went into business for himself, opening a garage adjacent to the Amoco station in town. In 1959 he purchased the Sinclair Service Station and garage at the north end of town. In 1966 he sold this

business and bought the Sinclair Distributorship in Newnan, which was later to become Fina. He served as city councilman from 1955 to 1969 and is a member of the Palmetto Masonic Lodge. They are active members of Palmetto Baptist Church, where he serves as a deacon and teaches a Sunday School class.

They have five children: Beverly Johnston, Sara Bentley, and Kenneth David, of Palmetto, Georgia; Linda Almond of Alpharetta, Georgia; and Karen Lambert, of Madras, Georgia. They have twelve grandchildren.

Submitted by Margaret Grubbs



T.T. "Slim" and Margaret Grubbs

Alexander Gullatt Family

The Gullatt family, of Huguenot origin, may be traced to La Rochelle, France. As early as 1621 they sought refuge in Holland, but it was about a half century later that the family emigrated to America. They were driven out of their native land by religious persecution. Some members of the family are found in Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia.

Alexander Gullatt, who was born May 11, 1848 and died February 19, 1965, settled in the Rico Community of Georgia. He had three sons, one of whom was Vesta Gullatt's father, Peter Alexander Gullatt. He married Roxie Emma Phillips December 20, 1882. They had four children. Charles Homer Gullatt was born March 5, 1885. As a young farmer he joined the Farmers Union and helped organize the Palmetto

chapter. He served four terms in the General Assembly of Georgia as the representative of Campbell County. He introduced and secured passage of the legislation which merged Campbell County with Ful-

Alexander and Roxie Gullatt



ton County in 1932, the first such merger of two counties in the nation.

Lillie Vesta Gullatt was the only daughter. She was born in 1895. She married Charley G. Drake on September 21, 1918. They had four children: Lillie Bell, Charles, Jr., Homer, and Phillip. Lillie Bell Drake married Victor Hamilton. They had two daughters, Cynthia Bell Hamilton and Hilary P. Hamilton. Cynthia Hamilton married Chema Iglesias, of Madrid, Spain.

Charles G. Drake, Jr., was born July 11, 1922. Homer Allen Drake was born May 25, 1925. The plane he was on in World War II went down at sea, and none of the crew was ever heard from. Phillip Edward Drake was born December 12, 1937, and died May 25, 1944.

Tom Watson Gullatt was born April 17, 1897 and died April 9, 1906.

Submitted by Vesta G. Drake

Dow B. Gullatt Family

Dow B. Gullatt was born January 4, 1877, and died December 15, 1969. Mamie Barnes Gullatt was born October 26, 1880, and died May 2, 1961. Their children are Rena G. Hilborn, born December 15, 1902; Horace A. Gullatt, born March 19, 1905; Howard S. Gullatt, born December 21, 1907; Edward B. Gullatt, born December 21, 1908; Letha G. Gordon, born September 13, 1910; Ruth G. Narris, born April 21, 1912; Otis Gordon Gullatt, born May 12, 1913; Marvin B. Gullatt, born June 27, 1917; Tom D. Gullatt, born March 20, 1920; and Albert L. Gullatt, born December 21, 1922.

Tom D. Gullatt married Mary Studdard. They have two children, Marian and John. Tom was the seventh son of Dow and Mamie Gullatt. This is his twenty-ninth year as a missionary in Japan. He attended Campbell High School and Mississippi College and was ordained at Sardis Baptist Church in his second year at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Submitted by Vesta Drake



Tom and Mary Gullatt are shown with their children, Marian and John.

Robert Leonard Gurley Family

Robert L. Gurley and Iva Jane Reeves were married in March, 1910, and bought a farm and settled in the Rico Community. Iva, the daughter of Dow and Sallie Reeves, was born October 15, 1884, in Rico, where she lived her entire life. Robert was born September, 30, 1881.

They had six children: Robert Reeves, John Franklin, a boy who died in infancy, Marion Gartrell, Catherine Jane, and Helen Jeanette. There are five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The Rico Elementary School stands on part of the Gurley farm. Robert Reeves, John Franklin and Marion Gartrell are all veterans of World War II.

To supplement the farm income, for a number of years Robert ran a grist mill and general merchandise store in Rico.

Submitted by Catherine Gurley Ray

The Reverend James S. Hammonds

The Reverend James S. Hammonds, who for more than half a century pastored the Ramah Baptist Church in the black community of Palmetto died Sunday

day Morning, May 9, 1971.

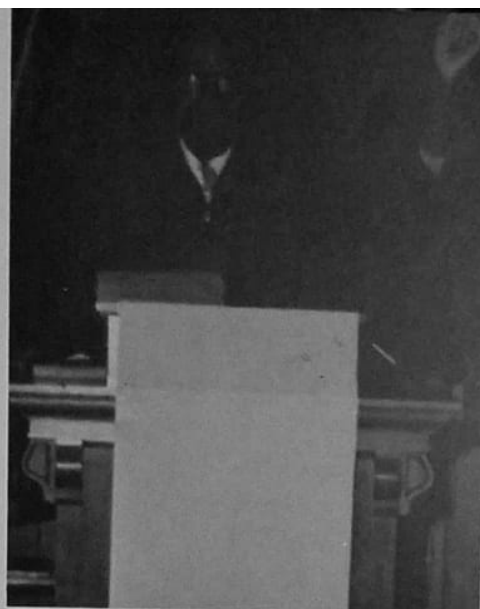
Reverend Hammonds was born in June 1878, in Marietta, Georgia. He became a minister at an early

age and was pastor of three churches during his life time. Ramah Baptist Church, which he pastored fifty-two years, Macedonia Baptist Church, and Ebenezer Baptist Church, for twelve and fifteen years respectively.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 15, at 3:00 P.M. at Ramah. The Reverend Tom Davidson, Moderator for the Baptist Churches, officiated, assisted by several other ministers. Interment was at Palmetto City Cemetery.

Submitted by Amy Sumlin

Rev. James Hammonds



Jared Handley Family

Jared Handley, Jr., known as Uncle "Ban," had a General Merchandise Store in Palmetto, Georgia, in the late 1800's. His father, Jared Handley, Sr., was born in Ireland, February 17, 1792. He first came to Virginia, traveled through the Carolinas, stopped briefly in Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia, and arrived in Fayette County in 1821. Took his oath of allegiance in Fayette County. He died April 10, 1875. Jared married Mary A. Coker. She was born in 1800 and died August 15, 1880.

Uncle Ban was born August 8, 1832, and died October 14, 1894. He married Missouri Emily Watson, December 11, 1856. She was born December 10, 1832, and died October 31, 1917.

Another son of Jared Handley, Sr., was Francis Marion "Doc" Handley. He was born in 1823. He married Mary Angeline (Aunt Mary Doc) Slaton on May 24, 1849. Doc Handley was killed May 21, 1863, at Chancellorsville, Virginia, while serving with Com-

pany G., 44 Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry.

Mary Slaton was born March 23, 1834, and died June 9, 1913. It snowed the day Mary died. Mary's parents were Usebious and Jane Slaton. One of Doc and Mary Handley's daughters, Susan Fannie, married John T. Jones. They were the parents of Walter Jones. Another son Thomas J. Handley (born 1831), was killed during the War Between the States. He and his other brother, John J. Handley, fought side by side. Before Thomas died, he asked John to take care of Thomas' wife, Rhoda. John married Rhoda after he returned from the war. They later moved to Texas. Another son was Larkin LaFayette "Uncle Kiss" Handley. He was born February 3, 1835, and died April 22, 1907. He married Mary Jane Farr on August 22, 1854.

Submitted by Dan Jones

The Harcourts

Maggie and Chaffee Harcourt shortly after their marriage in 1921.



Maurice Grooms Harcourt was born in Sussex, England, in 1845. When he was a child, his family moved to Ohio, where his father taught school. Maurice enlisted in the Union Army and served until the end of The War between the States. He came to Campbell County, Georgia, in 1875, and married Flora Pergurson (1863-1940) in 1879. He operated Cochran's Grist Mill. In 1898 he moved to Palmetto, where he worked as a bookkeeper in Palmetto Cotton Mills. His house on Main Street was built in 1900, and is still standing.

Maurice and Flora had eleven children. Most of the deceased are buried in Floral Hill Cemetery. Three of them, Garland (1883-1969), Chaffee (1903-1961), and Elvie (born in 1885), settled in Palmetto. Elvie now resides at Christian City Nursing Home.

Garland, Elvie, and Chaffee worked at Palmetto Cotton Mills. Garland and Elvie worked there over fifty years. Chaffee married Maggie Cochran of Fayette County in 1921. They had four children. Flora is an anesthetist at Newnan Hospital, Newnan, Georgia. Billy, a house painter, lives in the old Harcourt House. Luther married Belle Tritton of Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1964, and they have one daughter, Nancy. He works for Southern Railways, and the family lives in Riverdale, Georgia. Barbara married John Ja-

cobs and they had two sons, Mark and Ted. John died in 1974. In 1976 Barbara married Ed Stokes and they live in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

The Chaffee Harcourt house on Harris Street was built in 1930. Maggie still lives there. The Harcourts have attended Ramah Baptist Church.

Submitted by Flora Harcourt

Gary Hayes Hardin Family

Gary Hayes Hardin, born October 10, 1943, in Atlanta, Georgia, is the son of Inez and Earl Hardin, of Route 2, Temple, Georgia, and grandson of the late Ben Hill and Ella Lawrence Strickland, of Dallas, Georgia, and John and Ida Hayes Hardin, of Temple, Georgia.

Gary married Frances Varnadoe Hardin, daughter of J. E. and Winnie Mae Varnadoe, and granddaughter of Beulah Hicks Phillips, of Newnan, Georgia, and



The Gary Hardin Family

the late Guy Phillips, and also granddaughter of the late William Jeremiah and Sarah Mims Varnadoe, of Lumber City, Georgia.

Gary and Frances were married on March 10, 1967, at the Palmetto United Methodist Church. They reside at 525 Menefee Street, Palmetto. Gary works at E.S.B., Inc., in Atlanta; Frances is a homemaker.

They have three children: Wesley, born March 18, 1968; Kelly, born June 27, 1970; and Stephanie born June 23, 1974. Keith, an identical twin to Kelly was born June 27, 1970 and died July 19, 1970.

Two days after their marriage Gary was inducted into the army and fought in the Viet Nam War. After he returned from service, they made their home in Palmetto.

In the spring of 1978, Wesley fell out of a pine tree and broke both wrists. Before he was healed, Gary, the father, was playing softball and slid into second base and broke his foot. After all this Frances, the mother was playing softball and broke her little finger in July. In August they bought their first home and moved in, so they had a busy spring and summer of 1978.

Submitted by Frances Hardin

Ed Harper Family

James Edward Harper was born to Clyde and Louise Harper in 1935 in Appling County, Georgia. His parents are both deceased. He has four brothers and one sister. He attended school in Appling County and later went to work on construction. Lois Shaw Harper was born in Coweta County, Georgia, in 1941, to Herbert (deceased) and Ruth Shaw. Lois attended school in Newnan. She has one brother, Raymond, who still lives in Coweta County with his wife Betty.

Ed and Lois were married on February 16, 1957, on Brooks Street in Palmetto. Their first apartment was in the Harper House on Cobb Street. They later moved back to Brooks Street.

In 1959 they built a house in Coweta County and lived there for six years. In 1965 they bought a house



Harper Family

on Lake Drive in Palmetto and lived there until they bought the house where they now live at 510 Bradley Drive.

In 1959, a daughter, Carol Loudean was born. She was an Honor Graduate from Palmetto High School in 1977. She is now married to Kenny Jones and lives in Savannah, where he is stationed in the U. S. Army.

In 1964, a son, Jimmy was born. He now attends Palmetto High School, where he is active in all sports. He plays the trumpet in the Raider Band. He also enjoys singing and fishing.

Ed went to work for National Container in 1957. It is now Owens Illinois, Forest Products Division.

In 1965 Ed helped organize the Palmetto Church of God, where he pastored for fourteen years. He enjoys also fishing, gardening and working in the yard.

Lois worked for seven years at Happytime Nursery and Kindergarten as a Kindergarten teacher. She now works part time at the Palmetto Dry Cleaners.

Submitted by Lois Harper

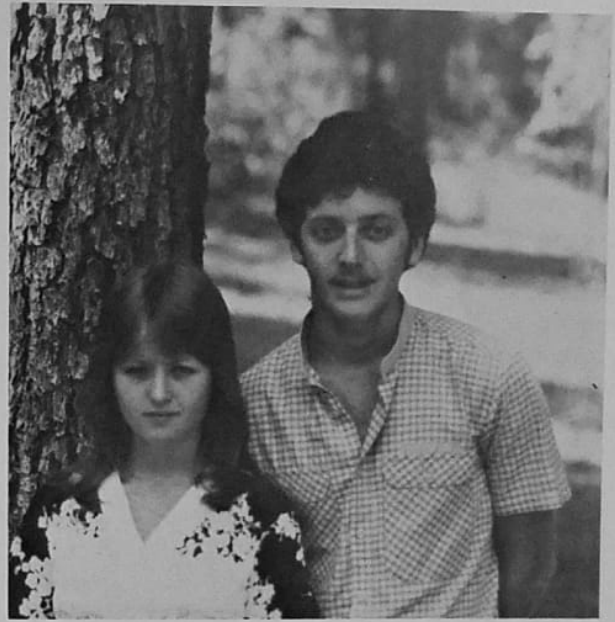
Jeffery Lynn Harper Family

Jeff Harper, the sixth child of J. B. and Josie Shed Harper, was born in Ben Hill, Georgia March 13, 1959. The Harpers moved to Union City in 1969 and Jeff attended elementary school there and Campbell High School of Fairburn.

On August 18, 1977 Jeff married Lisa Anne Harper at Ramah Baptist Church in Palmetto. Lisa is the second child of Woodie and Carole Harper. She attended schools at Riley Elementary and Palmetto High School, graduating in 1976.

After finishing school, Jeff worked for Paper Service in Palmetto, and in 1977 he went to work for the State of Georgia in the Administrative Services Department. He is now working for Zan-Top Freight Airlines at the Atlanta Hartsfield Airport. Lisa has been employed with the State of Georgia since 1976 in the department of Labor as an accounting technician.

The Harpers are presently living on Wilkerson Mill Road in Palmetto in the Mrs. Ruby Dean home.



Jeff and Lisa Harper

Submitted by Lisa Harper

Julian Melvin (Jerry) Harper Family

In 1941 a soldier in army, Jerry Harper, who was born November 19, 1919, was traveling thru College Park, Georgia. Agnes Jones of Palmetto, daughter of Thomas Luther Jones and Eunice Moore Jones, gave him her address, and their courtship began. Agnes had been born March 11, 1926, in Fayette County. She attended Riley School and quit in the ninth grade. On December 23, 1942, they were married in Newnan, Georgia.

While Jerry was serving his duty in army during World War Two, Agnes lived in Palmetto with her parents. Jerry and Agnes had a daughter, Bonnie, born June 12, 1944. After Jerry's discharge from the army, they moved to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Their other children are Eddie, born September 6, 1947; Bernie, born November 5, 1949; and twins, Betty

Jane and Bobby Joe, born October 8, 1952.

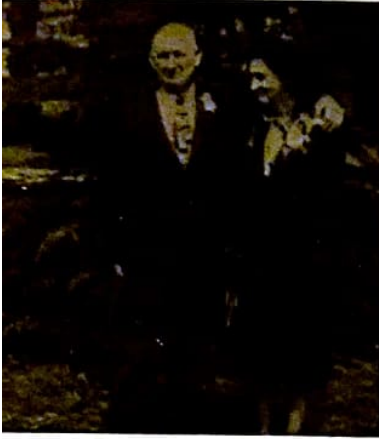
They now live in Geneva, Florida. Jerry works for a construction company and Agnes is a nurse at Seminole County Hospital in Sanford, Florida. They have four grandchildren.

Submitted by Libby Hines

Julian Melvin (Jerry) Harper Family: Left-right Bonnie, Agnes holding Betty Jane, Jerry holding Bobby Joe (twins), Eddie and Bernie standing in front.



Thomas B. Harper Family



Tom and Bessie Harper

Benjamin Franklin Harper was born in Putnam County, Georgia, August 1, 1817. He married Elizabeth Patton in September 1841. She was born February 2, 1822. They moved to Fife, Georgia, in 1850. They had six sons and five daughters. The fifth child, Robert Franklin, was married three times and had twenty-one children.

Thomas Benjamin was the first of twelve children of the third marriage. He was born June 8, 1892. His mother was Cora Bell Gable, from Douglas County, Georgia. She was born in Mississippi May 23, 1871, the child of Thomas Jeffery and Emma Norris Bell Gable. They are buried at Bill Arp community in Douglas County at Prays Mill Cemetery.

Cora Bell and Robert Franklin are buried at Bethany Cemetery along with Robert's father and mother.

Thomas B. married Bessie Lynn Edmondson December 24, 1916. She was born May 24, 1896. She was

the daughter of George T. "Doc" Edmondson and Ida Harris Edmondson of Fife, Georgia. They are also buried at Bethany Cemetery. Bessie had one sister and two brothers. Ernest died at age four. Brother Henry lived in Tampa, Florida when he died. Anna Bell Edmondson Thomas lives in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Tom and Bessie first lived in Fife, Georgia. He started out as a merchant in College Park, Georgia. The store burned, and he went to work with the Atlanta West Point Railroad as a signal maintainer. They moved to Palmetto in 1920 and raised seven children. They are Ida Nolan, Francis Bruton, George Franklin (now deceased), Betty Flohr, Jack, Jane, and Thomas Woodie, Sr. There were two sets of twins: Frank and Francis, and Jack and Jane.

The old home place was at 203 Cobb Street. It was a two story frame house which had eight rooms. This house was one of the first houses in Palmetto to have inside plumbing. It also had an intercom system which consisted of copper tubes built into the walls. The house was torn down in the early 1970's.

Tom and Bessie were active in church and civic work. Tom was mayor of Palmetto in 1942, a Past Master of Palmetto Lodge No. 74 in 1924, 1929, 1934 and 1935. They were Charter Members of the Eastern Star. Tom was a member of Ramah Baptist Church. He was music director for many years. Bessie was a member of the Methodist Church.

Tom died at age fifty-six on January 17, 1949. Bessie died at age of sixty-seven on November 11, 1963. They are buried at Floral Hill Cemetery in Palmetto, Georgia.

Submitted by Woodie Harper

Thomas W. Harper, Sr.

There were six children in the Harper household, including two sets of twins, when the last child, Thomas Woodie was born on July 9, 1931. So just trying to decide on a name was a major decision. His birth certificate shows all the names Dr. Bullard wrote down and marked through. It was finally decided that he would be named after his father and a friend who worked with him on the railroad.

Woodie, like the rest of the brood, grew up in Palmetto. He married Carole Ann Lassetter (born July 26, 1937), also of Palmetto, on July 15, 1955. Their home for the past fourteen years has been on Hutcheson Ferry Road in the Goodes community.

They are members of Ramah Baptist Church. Both have always been active in civic activities. Woodie is a Mason and has been employed with Southern Bell since May 14, 1956.

The Harpers have two children, Thomas W., Jr., and Mrs. Lisa Ann Harper. Their son-in-law, Jeffery Lynn Harper, of Union City, Georgia, has the same last name, but is related only by marriage.

Submitted by Carole Harper

Woodie and Carole Harper



Thomas W. Harper, Jr.

Thomas "Tommy" W. Harper was born July 17, 1956, in Palmetto, the first child of Woodie and Carole Harper. He attended schools at Riley elementary and Palmetto High School, graduating in 1974.

After school Tommy worked for three years with the State of Georgia D.O.A.S. He has been employed with Delta Air Lines since 1977. He is a member of Ramah Baptist Church.

Tommy is an avid reader, history of the World Wars being his main interest. He enjoys canoeing, hiking, and camping and has spent many hours in the North Georgia Mountains with various hiking clubs. He is presently living with his parents at their home in the Goodes community on Hutcheson Ferry Road.

Submitted by Mrs. Carole Harper



Tommy Harper

Joe and Mary Harrelson

Joe Ernest and Mary Maloney Harrelson, and his son, Joe Franklin, age nine, moved to Palmetto in November of 1953, from Smyrna, Georgia. They had two sons, Don Ernest, born in 1954, and Steve Maloney, born in 1955. Joe has been with Eastern Airlines since 1945.

Joe Franklin graduated from Campbell High School in Fairburn, and North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Georgia. He married Brenda Jayne Couch, of Dawsonville, Georgia in 1966. They have a son, Brian Andrew, born in 1970, and a daughter, Jennifer DeLane, born in 1973. Joe is in the armed services, Army-Ar-

mor-Aviator, and is now stationed in Washington, D. C.

Don graduated from Campbell High School, Clayton Junior College, Morrow, Georgia, and attended Georgia State University in Atlanta. He married Joan Ellen Roberts, of Marietta, Georgia in 1979, and now resides in Union City, Georgia.

Steve graduated from Palmetto High School and The Atlanta Area Vocational Technical School in Atlanta, and is presently residing in College Park, Georgia.

Submitted by Mary Harrelson

Lamonte P. Harris Family

Lamonte (Monty) P. Harris was born September 12, 1942, in Austell, Georgia, to Mike and Myra Harris. Monty's father died in December of 1966; his mother lives in Madras, Georgia.

Monty attended school at Laura Haygood Elementary School in the first grade, Madras Elementary School grades two through eight, and graduated from Newnan High School in 1960. Monty worked for Colonial Store in Newnan part-time while in high school. Upon graduation, he joined the Air Force. Two and one-half years of his time was spent in Alaska, the remaining part in Texas and Mississippi. Monty received his discharge in November of 1963, and went to work for Winn Dixie in Newnan until May of 1964. At that time Monty went to work for the Trust Company Bank in Atlanta, where he is still em-

ployed. He works in the Automated Bank Services Department as a Bank Service Representative and is an Operations Officer of the Trust Company Bank.

Monty married Lynda Margaret Peek, daughter of Charlie and Bessie Peek, on June 4, 1966. Lynda was born June 6, 1946, at Newnan Hospital, the youngest of ten children. She and Monty were engaged for over a year before being married at Sardis Baptist Church by the Reverend B. R. Anglin.

Lynda attended school at Charles Riley Elementary School, grades one through four, Rico Elementary School, grades five through seven, and graduated from Campbell High School in 1963. She worked for Alford's in Palmetto part-time while attending high school. She worked for the State Merit System in Atlanta from 1963 through 1969, until their first child

was born. She is now a full time wife and mother.

Monty and Lynda have two children, one boy and one girl. Troy Lamonte was born July 17, 1969, at Newnan Hospital. He will be in the fifth grade at Rico Elementary School this fall. Tammy Lynn was born May 8, 1972, at Newnan Hospital. She will enter the second grade at Rico Elementary School this fall.

Both children attended the Palmetto City Kindergarten.

The Harrises are active members of Sardis Baptist Church, where Monty serves as a deacon.

Submitted by Lynda P. Harris

T. C. Hatton Family

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hatton moved to South Fulton County in April of 1963. They reside on Hutcheson Ferry Road in the Goodes community.

Mr. Hatton was born in Fayette County near Stars Mill on March 13, 1904. He is one of twelve children of Charlie and Alice (Crook) Hatton. His father was a farmer, and in 1912 the family moved to Henry County, near Hampton, where he grew up. He worked on several jobs before being employed by General Motors, retiring from that work after thirty-four years of service.

His wife, Perry Mae Oneal Hatton, was born in Meriweather County near Gay, Georgia on November 4, 1907. She is the daughter of Perry B. and Leila Mae (Fuller) Oneal and was one of five children.

The children were reared by their grandparents Millard Fillmore and Nancy Jane Fuller, who were farmers.

Mrs. Hatton's father, an overseer of railroad workers, was killed when she was twenty days old, and her mother died when she was six years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Hatton were married on November 18, 1933. They lived in Atlanta and Hapeville until they built their first home in East Point in 1940.

They have been active members of Orchard Knob Baptist Church, East Point First Baptist and Palmetto Baptist.

They have no children.

Submitted by Mrs. T. C. Hatton



Mr. and Mrs. T.C. Hatton

James L. Hayes Family

James Larry Hayes was born to Aaron and Pauline Hayes in 1937 at Grantville, Georgia. He has one sister, Joyce, and one brother, Jimmy. He attended Riley Elementary School and Campbell High School.

Carole Yarbrough Hayes was born to Arthur and Leola Yarbrough in 1939 at Arnco, Georgia. She graduated from Newnan High School. She has one brother Milam.

James and Carole were married June 20, 1958, and have lived all their married life in Palmetto. He is employed at Delta Airlines, where he has worked for twenty-three years. Carole works at Jack Peek's Sales and Service in Palmetto where she has worked since 1974.

They bought a house from R. E. Parrott on Hutcheson Ferry Road in 1961 and lived there until they

bought land from Howard Hearn and built their present home in 1970.

Their oldest daughter, Cathy was born in 1959. She graduated from Palmetto High School in 1977 and is presently employed at First Fulton Bank and Trust. She enjoys coaching little league basketball and playing softball.

Their son, Larry, was born in 1961. He graduated from Palmetto High in 1979. He plans to attend college and wants to play professional baseball.

Their youngest daughter, Kim, was born in 1968. She attends Rico Elementary School and is in the sixth grade. She enjoys water skiing and basket ball.

Submitted by Carole Y. Hayes

Cleo C. Hearn Family

Cleo C. Hearn was born August 26, 1904, in old Campbell County, Georgia. He has lived on the same farm his entire life. His parents were Elisha Bennett and Annie Phillips Hearn. He attended school at

Goodes and Palmetto. He also went to Newnan High School. He is a farmer and raises cattle.

December 22, 1927 he married Valla Preston Wells, from Griffin, Georgia, Spalding County. They have



Valla and Cleo Hearn in a photograph taken on their golden wedding anniversary.

celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They are members of Sardis Baptist Church. Her parents were Thomas Haye and Nancy Dorcas Hammond Wells.

Cleo and Valla Hearn have two daughters and a son. Betty Jane Hearn Barge is married to Aubrey A. Barge, and they live at Fayetteville, Georgia. They have a son, Alan A. Barge, and daughter, Alice Claire Barge. Betty is employed by S.I.T.A., Inc.

Bobbie Ann Hearn Jackson is married to the Reverend Wayne H. Jackson, and they live at Jefferson, Georgia. Bobbie is Director of Jackson Trail Christian School. They have two sons, David Wayne and Robert Henderson Jackson, and a daughter, Melanie Faith Doster.

Ray Wells Hearn is married to Jean Reese and lives on Hearn Road, Palmetto, Georgia. Ray is employed at Ford Parts Division in East Point, Georgia. They have two sons, Kevin Preston and Kendall Dwayne, and a daughter, Kathryn Diane Hearn.

Submitted by Valla Wells Hearn

Hearn Family

The Hearn Family has been in America since 1681, when William Hearn came from England and settled in Maryland. He received a land grant and built a farm home called "St. Kitts," which is still family owned. The next four generations lived in North Carolina until 1850, when Ebenezer Hearn came to Campbell County, Georgia, as a young lad of about eighteen.

On September 25, 1899, a tragedy struck the Hearn family and all of Palmetto. There were several businesses located in Palmetto at a spring on Roscoe Road. These included a cotton gin, a grist mill, and a planing mill, all of which were run by a steam boiler using water from the spring. The boiler exploded, killing Daniel Pierce Hearn; Joshua Parks Hearn, a son of Daniel; Willie Penn Hearn; and a black man. The industrial complex was destroyed. Daniel and Joshua were brothers who had joined the church together and they died together.

Ebenezer (Ibben) Hearn, who came and settled at Palmetto, was a Confederate soldier who died at the end of the war, having ridden a horse home in the rain while sick with measles. He is buried in a cemetery near the end of Hearn Road. Ibben was the father of Elisha Hearn. Elisha Hearn is the father of Hope, Stevie, Seaborn, Cleo and Annie Hearn. Elisha, Hope, Stevie, and Seaborn are buried at the Sardis Church cemetery at Palmetto.

The young adult generation of the Hearn family is

the tenth generation to call America their homeland. The Palmetto Hearn clan has been in this area for five generations.

Submitted by Dr. Harvey B. Hearn



Elisha Bennett and Annie Eliza Hearn with their children, Hope, Annie, Stevie and Seaborn pictured in 1903.

Hope L. Hearn

The Hope L. Hearn family home was built somewhere between 1840 and 1850. It is located on Hearn Road, about four miles from Palmetto. Andy B. Weaver inherited the land from his father, Samuel Weaver. Andy built the house. His third wife was Adeline Smart Weaver, the grandmother of Hope Hearn. Ed Weaver, her son, inherited the house and land at her death.

In 1926 Hope Hearn bought the land from his uncle, Ed Weaver. Hope Lamar Hearn was the son of Elisha Bennett Hearn and Annie L. Phillips. On October 20, 1912, Hope married Finella Jane Shackleford of Carroll County, Georgia. They had five children.

Clariece married Hoyle W. Vaughn of Marietta. They have three sons, David, Dennis, and Bennett. David married Betty Pendley of Canton, Georgia. They have two sons, Jeff and Brad. Dennis married Renee Dempsey of Marietta. They have a son, Steven.

Dorothy married Herman Wilson. They had a daughter, Sallie. She married Thomas Box, of East

Point, Louisiana, and has two daughters, Sabrina and Melanie. Herman died March 29, 1915. Dorothy married Sam Rivers of Natchitoches, Louisiana. They have a son, Michael, and a daughter, Mary Jane. She married Carl Bloonquist, of Greenville, Mississippi.

Hazel married Ed Lawson of Tennessee. They have a daughter, Hope. She married Jimmy Harrison and has a daughter, Crystal.

Lamar married Helen Phillips of College Park. They have two daughters, Elise and Janet. Elise married Hugh Wright, of Columbus, Georgia. They have a daughter, Janet. Janet Hearn married Richard Woodward, of Greer, South Carolina.

Pat married Jerry Cochran, of Stonewall, Georgia. They have two sons, Randy and Kelly, and a daughter, Lynn.

Submitted by Mrs. Clariece Vaughn

Ray Wells Hearn Family

Ray Wells Hearn is the son of Cleo and Valla Hearn. He is married to the former Jean Reese of East Point. For the past twenty years they have resided on Hearn Road in Palmetto. They have three children: Kevin Preston, Kendall Dwayne, and Kathryn Diane.



Ray is employed by the Ford Motor Company Parts Depot in East Point. Jean is employed as a part-time clerk at S. L. Lewis Elementary School in College Park. Kevin, eighteen has just recently graduated from Palmetto High School. He has been employed part-time for the past two years at Palmetto Tire Company. In July Kevin will attend Control Data Institute in Atlanta to learn computer. Ken, fifteen, will be in the tenth grade at Palmetto High, where he is an honor student. He is on the B-team in Basketball and on the Varsity Baseball team. Kathy, twelve, has attended the Charles E. Riley Elementary School, for the past seven years, where she was an honor student. She will be in the eighth grade this fall at Palmetto High. She has played basketball and softball in the Palmetto League.

The family attends Sardis Baptist Church, where Ray is a Deacon and Jean teaches a Sunday School Class of younger children.

Submitted by Jean Hearn

Stevie and Mamie Eidson Hearn Family

Robert Arthur Eidson married Emma Fuller Russell in 1897. They were both born and raised in old Campbell County. In 1899 they moved to the Goodes community, where they lived the remainder of their lives. They were farmers and attended church at Sardis Baptist Church, where he was a deacon. They had three children: Mamie Carrie, Bessie Lula, and Fannie Emma.

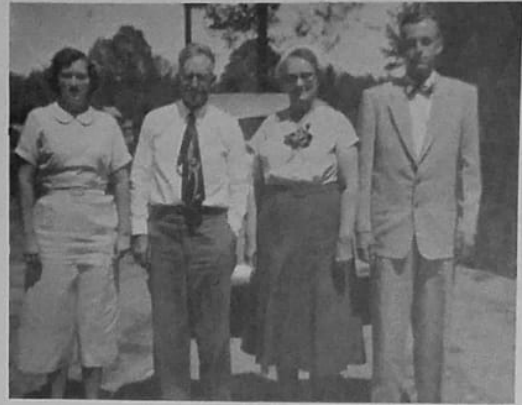
Mamie Carrie Eidson married Stevie Howard Hearn, son of Elisha B. and Annie E. Hearn, on December 15, 1925. They were farmers in the Goodes community and were members of the Sardis Baptist Church, where Stevie was a deacon. He was deceased on July 7, 1978. The couple had two children, Howard Pafford and Alice Nell.

Mamie and Howard continue to live at the home place.

Nell married Jesse Robert Daniel, a minister from Douglasville, Georgia, on August 17, 1956. They had four children: Stephen David, Thomas Robert, Joseph Raymond and Susan Danise. The family now resides in Eastman, Georgia, where Nell is an elementary school teacher, and Bob is Associational Missionary for the Dodge and Pulaski-Blakely Baptist Associations.

Fannie Emma Eidson, retired in 1971 from Gordon Foods, Inc., after twenty-nine years of service, now lives in East Point.

Submitted by Mrs. Mamie Hearn



Stevie and Mamie Hearn are shown in this 1954 photograph with their children, Nell and Howard.

Willard Hearn Family

Willard Hearn was born in LaGrange, Georgia, in 1905. Educated in LaGrange, he attended college at McRae and was employed as a field representative in the engineering department of America Fore.

Willard and his wife, the former Elizabeth Sims of Carroll County, with their daughter, Ann, became the third owners of the Harry Hill property on Roosevelt Highway, moving from Atlanta in January, 1950. They became active members of the Palmetto Methodist Church and of the social life of Palmetto, serving in various capacities of leadership. Willard's untimely death came on December 31, 1959, while he was actively commuting to an Ohio River project in Louisville, Kentucky, serving as Councilman for the City of Palmetto, and finance chairman for his church.

Elizabeth, a graduate of Bowden College, Emory University School of Nursing, and of George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee, began teaching with Fulton County schools, retiring in 1966. "We have had our good and bad times" she said, "But we never once regretted our move to Palmetto. It was here that we learned to live and love, and we will never forget the kindness of our many friends on both

glad and sad occasions. The schools were excellent and life was wholesome, an ideal place for children."

Ann graduated from George Peabody College in 1970. She was married to William N. Friedrichs, of Los Angeles, California, and has one child, Lesley Ann. She is assistant administrator of Planned Communities and lives in suburban Atlanta.

Submitted by Elizabeth Hearn



The Willard Hearn were newcomers to Palmetto in 1950.

Charles Edward Hembree

Charles Edward Hembree was born on August 24, 1917, in Wilcox County, Georgia. He is the son of the late Milton and Ida Hembree.

His family moved to Palmetto, in Campbell County, in 1928, where he attended public school. His early childhood was spent working on the farm, but at the age of seventeen he began working for Georgia Power Company. He is from a large family, having five brothers and three sisters. He served his country during World War Two in the United States Navy, as an electrician aboard a destroyer escort.

On September 11, 1948, he married Frances Jean-

Felicia, Kristy, Paul Green, Darcelle Green, Ed Hembree, Pam Hembree Eidson, Ed Eidson, Jeanette Hembree, and Fonda Northrop are shown at Pam and Ed's wedding.



ette Jones, of Palmetto. From this union were born three children: Fonda Jeanette, born July 8, 1952; Denise Darcelle, born October 10, 1953; and Pamela Edwina, born October 10, 1958. All of the children are now married and living in or around Palmetto. He has three grandchildren: Felica, Kristy, and Nicole.

Charles Edward Hembree has done much civic work in Palmetto by serving on the city council for many years. He is also a member of Palmetto Lodge No. 74 F. and A.M. In 1978 he received his thirty-five year award from Georgia Power Company for having

faithfully worked for this company in Line Construction.

His wife, Jeanette, is presently employed by Bradley's Thriftown, having worked there for the past ten years. This family is presently living in their brick home on Toombs Street in Palmetto. They have continued to be an inspiration to their family and to all who have known them as citizens and neighbors of Palmetto.

Submitted by Pamela Hembree Eidson

J. A. (Jim) Hines Family

James Asa Hines was born September 13, 1901, in Coweta County, Georgia. His mother, Mrs. W. A. (Annie E.) Hines, was one of Palmetto's oldest citizens. At the time of her death in March, 1964, she was approaching the age of ninety-five.

After his marriage to Jewel Lankford, of East Newnan, on August 18, 1919, it was only a few years before they came to Palmetto. Both worked in the Palmetto Mill; he was a machinist for many years. After a lengthy battle with cancer Jewel died in August, 1950, and later he married Nora Farr. He partly retired and became night watchman when the mill changed to Prattville Apparel. "Mr. Jim," as he was affectionately called, died unexpectedly while taking a nap, January 13, 1971.

Three of the four children of Jim and Jewel live in Palmetto. A son, James Marion (Buddy) Hines, born November 16, 1925, married Annie Elizabeth (Libby) Jones. They have one son, James T. (Jimmy). He married Carol J. Polston, and they have a daughter, Aimee Rebecca. Buddy is employed as Serviceman with Southern Saw Service.

A daughter, Virginia Estelle (Jennie) Hines, born October 24, 1927, married Freeman Dean. Their sons are Thomas H. (Tommy) and William David.

Another daughter, Rachel Imogene Hines, born December 10, 1936, married William T. Murphy. They have a daughter, Peggy Marie, and two sons, William T., Jr. (Billy), and James D. (Danny).

Jim and Jewell Hines



A son, William Bobby Hines, born December 17, 1929, married Lestina V. Humphrey. They have two sons, William B., Jr. (Rock), and Steven Shawn. Bobby has been with Refrigerated Transport Company as a contractor and driver since 1954. He and his family reside in Fairburn, Georgia.

All four of "Mr. Jim's" children and his sons and daughters-in-law are members of Palmetto Baptist Church, where he and "Miss Jewell" were members.

Submitted by Lestina Hines

James Marion (Buddy) Hines Family

Buddy was born November 15, 1925, in Coweta County, the son of James Acey Hines and Jewell Lankford Hines. They moved to Palmetto in 1928 from Sargent, Georgia. He attended Riley School through the eighth grade and served in the Navy for four years during World War Two. Discharged in 1946, he went to work for Golian Iron and Steel Company in East Point, Georgia. On July 3, 1947, at Palmetto Baptist Church Pastorium, he married Elizabeth (Libby) Jones, daughter of Thomas Luther Jones and

Eunice Moore Jones. Libby was born June 23, 1928, in Fayette County. She attended Riley School and graduated from Campbell High School in Fairburn in 1947. At that time she went to work for Arrow Shirt Company in Atlanta.

On July 16, 1949, they were blessed with a son James Thomas (Jim) Hines. In 1958 they were co-workers with Mrs. Sally Hutson in organizing a "Teen-Club" for Palmetto. The meetings were held every Monday Night, with an average of seventy-five

to one hundred teenagers attending. Proms and various activities were held all during the year.

Buddy worked for Irvindale Dairies about ten years, but in 1966 he went to work for Southern Saw Service in Atlanta, where he continues to work as Routeman. Libby has worked for three different companies who bought Palmetto Cotton Mills: in 1960 Campus Girl, Inc.; then Movie Star, Inc.; and now the present owners, Smoler Bros, Inc. She is Office Manager of the Billing Department. They live at 204 Spring Street, Palmetto. They are members of Palmetto Baptist Church.

Jim attended Riley School and graduated from Campbell High School in 1967. He works for J. C. Penney Data Processing in Management and is married to the former Carol Polston. They have one daughter, Aimee Rebecca Hines. They live at 527 Griffith Drive, Palmetto.



Libby, Buddy and Jimmy Hines

Submitted by Libby Hines

Holley Family

Robert M. Holley was born at Carnesville, Georgia, Franklin County on March 30, 1857. He came to Palmetto, Georgia, in 1868. He received a Bachelor of Law Degree from the University of Georgia Law School, at Athens, Georgia, August 1, 1877. He began to practice law at Palmetto, Georgia, Campbell County, in the year of 1877. At one time he had a law office in LaGrange, Georgia. He married Mary Rhemer Holleman, of Palmetto, Georgia, December 30, 1900. They had one son, Headden Parker Holley.

Robert M. Holley was Mayor of Palmetto, in 1882, and at other times was a member of the City Council of said Palmetto, in 1885. He was a member of the City Board of Education in 1909 through 1918. For many years he was a member of the Board of Voter Registration of Campbell County, representing the Palmetto District. He also farmed extensively. His wife was born at Marietta, Georgia, on April 6, 1870, and came to Palmetto, in the year 1882. Their resi-

The Holley Family is shown in 1921 at Honea Path, S. C.



dence was on 217 Cobb Street. Their son was born there September 24, 1903 and is living there at this time.

Submitted by Headden P. Holley

Robert Franklin Hollis Family

Bobby was born in Napa, California, on December 13, 1945. He is the oldest of six children born to Loyce (Garner) and Millard Franklin Hollis, Jr. He is the grandson of Mae (Shumate) and Millard Franklin Hollis, Sr., and Bell (Gray) and William Thomas Garner, Sr.

He was raised in Atlanta and graduated from East Atlanta High in 1964.

On February 5, 1965, he married Elizabeth Rebecca (Becky) Nixon of Atlanta, formerly of Palmetto. Becky was born May 21, 1947, in Newnan, Georgia to Robert Furman and Denny (Hopkins) Nixon. She is the granddaughter of Denzil Bordene and Louise (Baby)

Carroll Hopkins and Hazel (Furman) and Ossie Alonzo Nixon.

Becky spent her early childhood in Palmetto and in 1955 moved to Atlanta. In 1965 she graduated from East Atlanta High and went to work for Southern Bell Telephone Company.

Bobby served in the U. S. Navy from 1966 to 1968 in Patuxent River, Maryland. In 1968 he returned to Atlanta and was employed by Delta Airlines. In 1969 he moved his family to Palmetto.

He joined the Palmetto Volunteer Fire Department in 1974 and became an Emergency Medical Technician in 1975.

He graduated from Clayton Jr. College in 1977 with an Associate in Arts Degree.

Bobby and Becky have two boys: Robert Brian, born December 27, 1966, and Barry Franklin, born August 31, 1970. Both children attend Rico Elementary School.

The Hollises live on Rico Road in Palmetto and are members of New Hope United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Becky Hollis

Charlie Hopkins Family



Charlie and Lizzie Hopkins

Charlie and "Lizzie" Hopkins lived their whole life in Palmetto. They had no children, but they were a very devoted couple. Uncle Charlie had a very special name for Aunt Lizzie—"Pet."

Uncle Charlie loved cats, even if they did make footprints on his Whippet automobile. He had somewhat of a taxi service at the time he owned the Whippet. Uncle Horace Richardson related that he hired Uncle Charlie to take him and Aunt Allie to Atlanta to get married at Dr. Lee Cutts' church after the evening service. Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Charlie clerked in

a store in Palmetto.

When Sunday came, they were very faithful churchgoers. Aunt Lizzie loved Ramah Church more than could be comprehended. She taught Sunday School for many years.

Aunt Lizzie is well remembered for her method of watering her flowers. She carried a bucket of water and an old fashioned dipper with a long handle. She went about the yard giving each plant one dipperful of water. Doing this every day seemed to be sufficient.

Aunt Lizzie was a kind, easy-going person, who would not offend anyone. Therefore, everyone loved her. She never wanted much materially and was always content with her lot.

"Sweetie" Richardson Morris, mother of Elizabeth Morris Swanson, was ten years younger than Aunt Lizzie. She said that Aunt Lizzie showed her more love when she was a child than anyone else in her family. So, as Aunt Lizzie grew older, Sweetie always tried to shower her love in many ways upon Aunt Lizzie. This is why her daughter was named Elizabeth.

Elizabeth's love goes to the memory of Aunt Lizzie and Uncle Charlie.

(Also see Hill A. Richardson Family)

Submitted by a niece, Elizabeth (Morris) Swanson

Denzil Bordene Hopkins Family

We all married on July 23. Couples are, reading from left to right, Harold and Nancy Huffmaster in 1949; Ruth and Robert Barnes in 1940; Parents, Louise and Denzil Hopkins in 1919; Denny and Bobby Nixon in 1945; Eva and James Hopkins in 1971.



Denzil Bordene Hopkins was born in Palmetto (Goodes community) on June 12, 1897. He was one of twelve children born to Henry Marshall and Emma Buran Hopkins, grandson of Wiley Hopkins, who came to Palmetto around 1840 and bought five hundred acres of land for three dollars an acre.

Denzil attended school in the one-room school house in Goodes, and on July 23, 1919, he married Louise (Baby) Carroll, of Atlanta. They were married in Palmetto in the Old Methodist Parsonage, and lived for seventeen years in Atlanta, where he was a fireman, employed by the City of Atlanta. He retired from the Fire Department after being injured while fighting the fire that destroyed the Grand Theatre in 1936.

In 1937 Denzil and Louise returned to Palmetto with their four children: Jimbo, Ruth, Denny and

Nancy. In 1939 another son, Joel, was born.

Denzil was a member of Palmetto's Police Department for a short time, but then moved to Fairburn and was with the Police Department there for thirteen years. In 1960 he retired and moved back to Palmetto to live out his life on the land where he grew up. He died on April 22, 1973, leaving his wife, five children, eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, most of them still living in Palmetto. The chil-

dren graduated from Campbell High School.

James (Jimbo) married Eva Branch on July 23, 1971; Ruth married John Robert Barnes on July 23, 1940; Denny married Robert Furman Nixon on July 23, 1945; Nancy married Harold Huffmaster on July 23, 1949; and Joel married Patricia McNalley on June 12, 1960.

Submitted by Louise (Baby) Hopkins

Edmond B. (Ned) Hopkins Family

Edmond B. Hopkins, born 1853 in Campbell County, was twelfth child of Wiley and Frances Hopkins. He married Lenora Wilkerson, daughter of William R. and Sara A. Wilkerson. They had five children. Ned, as he was known by his friends and family, was a farmer, and with his son operated a livery stable for many years in Palmetto. They kept horses and buggies to hire out to salesmen, or drummers as they were called then, who arrived in Palmetto by train. These

drummers would call on merchants in Goodes, Rico, Rivertown, and other communities, selling everything from coffins to barbed wire. Ned and his son also owned and rented out a horse-drawn hearse to the undertakers in the area. Lenora died in 1905, and Edmond died in 1923. Both are buried in the Ramah Church cemetery in Palmetto.

Submitted by Ned Hopkins

Embard Orson Hopkins

Embard Orson Hopkins, born February 26, 1894, was the son of Henry Marshal Hopkins and Emma Buran Hopkins of Goodes community.

He married Mamie Lou Dean, December 24, 1924. She was the daughter of John Dean and Flora Butler Dean of Jesup and Pierce Counties.

They had two children, Drusilla Dean, and Frances Rebecca. Drusilla married Roy H. Thompson, of Palmetto, Georgia and Frances married Clifford H. Garrett, Saltville, Virginia.

There were three grandchildren: Judy Dean Thompson, Roy Harold Thompson, and Gregory Wade Garrett.

The Hopkinses lived in Palmetto and Goodes community before moving to Atlanta in 1943. Embard retired as a Civil Service employee. Embard died February 15, 1977, at age of eighty-three; Mamie Lou died April 1, 1970, at age of sixty-nine.



Mr. and Mrs. Embard Hopkins and their grandson, Gregory Wade Garrett.

Submitted by Mrs. Roy H. Thompson, Sr.

Edmond Pierce Hopkins Family

Edmond Pierce Hopkins was born in 1895 in the Ono community, west of Fairburn. He was the fifth child of Edmond B. and Lenora Wilkerson Hopkins.

Palmetto High School graduation class of 1913 Back row: Sue Vic Morris, Kathleen Morris, Rebie Brown, Arunie Wingo; front row: Howard Overby, Opal Tarrence and Professor H. E. Pafford.



In 1918, he married Sue Vic Morris, who was the daughter of Walter D. and Nora Phillips Morris of Palmetto. Pierce, along with his father, operated a livery stable in the early part of this century. After their marriage, Pierce and Sue Vic farmed in the Palmetto area, and in his later years he owned and operated a small grocery store and service station in Palmetto.

Sue died in 1953, and Pierce died in 1967. They are both buried in Palmetto cemetery. They had four children. Walter Edmond (Ned) and Nora Helen still live in Palmetto. The other two children died in infancy.

Submitted by Ned Hopkins

Hampton Hopkins Family

Sometime around 1830 Hampton Hopkins and his wife, Susannah, and their sixteen children moved from North Carolina to Campbell County and settled in the Goodes community near Palmetto. The oldest son, Wiley Hopkins, was born in 1804 in North Carolina and married in 1835 in Coweta County. The 1850 census shows that Hampton was then seventy-five years old and had been born in Virginia, and that Su-

sannah was sixty-six years old and had been born in North Carolina. Definite records of their parents are not available, but the 1790 census listed a Hampton Hopkins as head of household living in Worcester, Maryland. No certain relationship has been established.

Submitted by Ned Hopkins

Henry Marshall Hopkins Family

Henry Marshall Hopkins was born May 20, 1860 in Campbell County. He was the youngest son of Wiley Hopkins, born October 31, 1804 in North Carolina and Frances Daniel Smithwick, born January 8, 1835, in Coweta County. On November 18, 1881, Henry Marshall married Emma Buran, the daughter of Daniel Buran and Sarah J. Lawrence. Emma was born March 7, 1865. Henry Marshall and Emma lived in the home

place, which was built before the War Between the States and was put together with pegs. In a small graveyard behind the garden beside two huge granite rocks are the graves of the brothers and sisters, who died either at birth or when very young. It is said that the house is on a ridge that makes Stone Mountain. They were farmers, and Grannie's front yard and pot flowers were always a show piece. It was said that if she braced a plant with a stick, the stick would take root.

Twelve children were born to this union. Sarah Bernice was born November 29, 1882. Frances Le-land, known as "Aunt Sister", was born February 23, 1884. Cuma Drusilla, who was born September 30, 1885, married Cletus Stamps. Kany Lawrence, born March 27, 1887, married Dell Garner. Zera Rebecca, born July 20, 1888, married Henry Robinson (nicknamed "Hen"). Clanton Floyd, married Lola Overton of Wedowee. Ellie Estelle was born January 21, 1891. She married George Peddy Beck. Wightman Bishop, nicknamed "Pete", born June 21, 1892, married Naomi Edison. Embard Orson, born February 26, 1890, married Mamie Lou Dean. Erzell Carmen, who was born July 24, 1895, married Alonzo Sprayberry. Denzil Bordine, born June 12, 1897 married Louise Carroll (Aunt Baby). Dema Blake, who was born July 18, 1899, married Grace Starnes. His son inherited the Hopkins home place. Words cannot explain all of the love and living and memories that the home place represents to each child and grandchild.

Submitted by Dorothy Hopkins McClendon

Henry Marshall Hopkins Family.



James Pettis Hopkins Family

James Pettis Hopkins ("Hoppie" or "Jimbo") is the son of Louise (Baby) Carroll and the late Denzil B. Hopkins, of Palmetto. He was named for the Reverend James Pettis, who preached in Palmetto in 1919 and married his father and mother. He attended John B. Gordon and Panthersville High School. In 1936, when the family moved to Palmetto, Hoppie was employed with Dixie Electric Company. In 1940 he joined the Army Air Force to become a Flight Engineer. In 1942, while stationed in Arkansas, he met and married Jacquelyn Hart Fitzgerald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzgerald, of Paragould, Arkansas. This marriage produced two children: Pamela Rochelle, born in 1943 in Arkansas; and Mark Dean, born in 1957 at Travis Air Force Base in California. Pam and Mark attended school throughout the states and Hawaii. Pam married Jack Curtin, of Boston, and they have two sons, Jeremy (1970) and Joel Patrick (1972). In 1960 Hoppie retired from the Air Force and flew for the New York National Guard, but was recalled to service during the Cuban Crisis. After this he moved his family back to Paragould, where he resided until his divorce in 1970, at which time he moved to Palmetto. He was employed by Owens-Corning Fiberglas of Fairburn. In 1971 he married Eva

Jimbo and Eva Hopkins



Surber Branch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Surber, of Rector, Arkansas. Eva has two children: Gary Allen, born in 1947, and Keith Franklin, born in 1951.

In 1976 Hoppie and Eva leased the South Fulton Airport, Highway 29, Fairburn, which is now known as "Hoppie's Skyport." Mark works with his father, and they reside on the premises.

Submitted by James P. Hopkins

Joel Harmon Hopkins Family

Joel Harmon Hopkins was born in Palmetto in 1939. He is the youngest child of Louise (Baby) Carroll and the late Denzil B. Hopkins, of Palmetto. Joel graduated from Campbell High School in 1958 and from Reinhart College in Waleski, Georgia, in 1960. During college he met Patricia Yvonne McNally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McNally of Dalton, Georgia. They were married in 1960, and their first son, Michael David, was born just a few days before Joel joined the U. S. Army in 1961. Their second son, Jeffery Harmon, was born in 1963. The boys attended school throughout the States, Okinawa, and Germany. Joel's first tour to Germany was from 1962-1964; in 1964 he was sent to Ft. Bragg, and in 1966 to Okinawa. In 1969 he was sent to Viet Nam, where he received the Bronze Star and three Army Commendations while in the Green Berets. 1970 brought him home again to Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, where he remained until 1973, when he was off to Germany again, this time with his family. In 1976, he returned to the States and was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas, until 1978, when he



Mike Hopkins



Jeff Hopkins

transferred to Ft. Devens as an Instructor. They are presently located in Massachusetts, where Mike graduated from high school in 1979 and will enter college in the fall. Jeff graduates from high school in 1981, the same year Joel will be eligible for retirement. In all their travels, Mike and Jeff still insist that Palmetto is HOME.

Submitted by Louise Carroll Hopkins

Lawrence Hopkins Family

Kany Lawrence Hopkins was born March 27, 1887, and died August 9, 1966. On April 7, 1919, he married Omie Della Garner, who was born July 19, 1887, in Los Angeles and died January 28, 1975. Their daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth Hopkins was born May 5, 1920, in Atlanta, Georgia. On January 19, 1942, in Langdale, Alabama, she married Oran Harvard McClendon, who was born May 4, 1913, in Lanette, Alabama. He died August 8, 1975, and is buried in Lanette.

Their children are Oran Harvard McClendon, Jr., born February 13, 1952, in Langdale, Alabama; Leslie Denise McClendon, born September 8, 1954; and Tammy LouDell McClendon, born February 23, 1958 in Langdale, Alabama.

Leslie Denise McClendon married Charles McCosh Bryan. They have one son, Charles McCosh Bryan, Jr., born November 22, 1978, in Columbus, Georgia.

Submitted by Dorothy H. McClendon

Walter Edmond Hopkins Family

Walter E. (Ned) Hopkins was born in Palmetto in 1921. He is the second child of Edmond P. and Sue Vic Morris Hopkins. He married Janice Sprayberry in 1942. She was born in 1922 and is the daughter of Willie Paul and Emmy Moore Sprayberry of Newnan. Ned and Janice live in Palmetto and are in the tire-and-auto repair business in East Point, Georgia, near the Atlanta airport.

They have two children: a daughter, Elaine, wife of Benny Jones; and a son, James Edward (Ed), who is married to Dianne Banks. Elaine and Benny live in the Palmetto area, and Ed and Dianne live in Fairburn.

Submitted by Ned Hopkins

Wiley Hopkins Family

Wiley Hopkins, born in 1804 in North Carolina, the oldest son of Hampton and Susannah Hopkins, came to Goodes community about 1830. He married Frances Daniel Smithwick, daughter of Edmond and Piety Smithwick of Coweta County in 1835. They were farmers and large land owners in the Goodes commu-

nity. They had fifteen children, and many of their descendants still live in this area. Wiley lived until 1883 and is buried in the New Hope cemetery near the Goodes community.

Submitted by Ned Hopkins

Hall and Helen Huffmaster

Hall Davis Huffmaster was born in Palmetto, Georgia, April 12, 1932, to Mattie L. and John D. Huffmaster. He has two brothers, William and Harold. William has four children and two grandchildren. Harold has three children and one grandchild. Mattie L. is eighty-three years old and is in a nursing home in Fairburn.

Helen Kearns Huffmaster was born in Atlanta, Georgia, September 1, 1936, to Ralph S. and Alice Spearman Kearns. She has three brothers: Charles, Jack and Herman. Jack was killed on a tractor at Dogwood Hills Baptist Church on July 24, 1969.

Helen and Hall attended school at Campbell High.

Hall went to work for Eastern Airlines in July 1953. They married January 23, 1954. In December 1954, Hall was drafted into the U. S. Army. He and Helen were in Kentucky for a few months and in August he was sent to Korea. Helen returned to Palmetto, and after sixteen months in Korea, Hall returned to Palmetto and continued his employment with Eastern Airlines. Hall and Helen became members of Palmetto Baptist Church in December 1957.

They started their family of three sons. Jon Davis born February 20, 1958, David Stith September 26, 1960, and Ralph Paul, August 4, 1962. Jon is now a Junior at the University of Georgia, and David a Fresh-



Hall and Helen Huffmaster with their sons, Jon, David and Paul in 1974.

man at the University of Pennsylvania. Paul is a Junior at Palmetto High School.

For sixteen and one half years Helen has been employed at General Motors. She sings in the church choir and enjoys volleyball and softball. Hall and the sons enjoy fishing.

Submitted by Helen Huffmaster

Harold Varner Huffmaster

Harold Varner Huffmaster is the son of John Davis Huffmaster and Mattie Lou Varner of Palmetto. Harold is an employee of Delta Air Lines, where he has worked since 1953. He married Nancy Hopkins July 23, 1949. Nancy is the daughter of Denzil B. and Louise (Baby) Carroll Hopkins. Both Nancy and Harold have resided in Palmetto all their lives. Both graduated from Campbell High School and are members of Sardis Baptist Church.

They have three children: Susan, Harold Dene and LuNan. Susan, born in 1951, graduated from Campbell High in 1970. She married Douglas G. Edmondson, son of Jerry and Betty Edmondson, of Fairburn in 1970. They have a four year old daughter, Molly.

Hal, born in 1955, graduated from Palmetto High in 1974 and attended Atlanta Area Technical School. He is married to Sandra Gupton from Decatur. Sandra teaches in South Fulton County. They reside in Rico.

LuNan, born in 1961, is a 1979 graduate of Palmetto High, and resides with her parents.



The Harold Huffmaster Family Front Row: Molly, Nancy and Harold Back Row: Susan, Doug, Hal, Sandra, and Nan

Submitted by Nancy Huffmaster

Arthur Hutcheson

Arthur Hutcheson, son of Samuel Hutcheson and Sophia Montgomery Hutcheson, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, October 24, 1818. He died at Banning, Georgia, April 5, 1895.

About eighteen years of age, Arthur bade adieu to mother, brothers, sisters and native land and sailed for America. He joined his Uncle James Hutcheson at County Line, Campbell County, Georgia, in 1836. He joined the Methodist Church in early manhood and he ever after remained a consistent member. Entering commercial business with his uncle, he settled down to practical affairs of life with energy and industry. He remained at County Line until 1873, when, after the death of his uncle, he moved to Palmetto, Georgia, where he continued his mercantile business. In 1881 he moved to Banning, Carroll County, Georgia, where, in addition to his mercantile interest, he entered the business of manufacturing cotton and built up and established the Hutcheson Manufacturing Company. He remained in active management of his

affairs until his death, which occurred on April 5, 1895. He was liberal to his friends, cared well for his people, and died respected by all who knew him for his strong, sturdy manhood and practical business sagacity. He lies buried here at Andrew's Chapel, right near the spot where he first began his business life, thus rounding out his American career where it first began.

"He Rests From His Labors and His Words Do Follow Him."

Submitted by Carole Harper

Arthur Hutcheson had this iron monument made in Ireland to be placed on his grave at his death. His life's history is on this monument at Andrew's Chapel Cemetery.



James Hutcheson Family



The Original Hutcheson Store (photographed in 1907) was operated by James Hutcheson and his brother, Arthur. This building burned a few years after this picture was made.

James Hutcheson came to America on May 4th, 1818. He was born in Cavan County, Ireland, and was educated there. He came south sometime in 1819 after teaching school in Orange County, New York, and continued teaching in Augusta, Milledgeville, and McDonough, Georgia. He married Sarah Pickens Henry December 22, 1829, and they had seven children.

Mr. Hutcheson purchased 10,000 acres of land from the U. S. Government under an original land grant, at approximately ten cents per acre. This land was in Carroll, Coweta, and lower Fulton (formerly Campbell) counties. Only about two hundred acres of the original land remains in the family today, but the old Hutcheson homeplace is located at the intersection of Hutcheson Ferry Road, and Campbell-Redwine Road (Highway 70).

The only surviving son of James Hutcheson, Joseph, married late in life and had three children: Almeda, Louise, and Joe. None married, and only Louise is still living. His other sons were killed in the Civil War fighting for the Confederacy.

Submitted by Frank Hutcheson Redwine, III

J. F. Hutson Family

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hutson moved to Palmetto in the year 1910 from Goodes, a little settlement about four miles west of Palmetto. They had four children: Raymond, Effie, Earnest, and J. C. J. C. died a few months after moving.

Mr. Joe, as he was known by his friends, was a blacksmith by trade. He had a shop in back of what is known now as McKenzie's Drug Store. But when automobiles and farm machinery took the place of mules in farming, he went into the grocery business. His store, which was in the front of the same building, was the grocery store.

Mrs. Hutson kept boarders, mostly the teachers during the nine-month school period. Her specials were fried chicken with cream gravy, beef stew, and plenty

Sallie and Joe Hutson, taken in the early years of their marriage.



of hot biscuits, and also sliced sweet potato pie. They raised their own chickens and also cows, and they had fresh eggs, butter and milk.

They were active members of Palmetto Baptist Church as long as they were able to attend.

In 1943 the Hutsons celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and in 1953 their sixtieth.

Joe Hutson died in 1956 at the age of eighty-six. Sallie Hutson died in 1968, when she was ninety-four.

Raymond, the oldest son, served in World War I. When he returned home, he married and had one son and two daughters. He died in 1960.

Effie, the daughter, went to work at C. B. Mosley's in 1917. She was married in 1920 to Tom W. Parker and they had three boys and a daughter. Tom died in 1940. Effie went back to work at Mosley's in the late 1930's. She also was a member of Palmetto Baptist Church. She is retired and is living in Newnan with her son, Hugh H. Parker, his wife and their son.

Earnest was the manager of the Standard Oil Company, located on Main Street in Palmetto, for several years. He married Sallie Romage. They had no children. Earnest died in 1963, and Sallie died in 1977.

Submitted by Vickie McCullough

Ada Mae (Phillips) Irwin Family

Remember the big house about three miles north of Palmetto on US Highway 29 (across the railroad) which is now the site of Owen/Corning Corporation? This was the home of Ada Mae (Phillips) Irwin (born February 11, 1903 and died October 24, 1968) and her son, Reece Irwin and of Charlie, who was born October 13, 1884 and died December 17, 1970) and Claudia (Phillips) Stephens, who was born April 18, 1889 and died December 31, 1958) and their daughter, Mary Lynn Stephens Coker. Although the house no longer stands, memories of good times—quilting bees, ice cream parties, Easter Sunrise Services at the pond, and other events are still vivid among their friends. Reece married Doris Allen in 1952 and moved to Fairburn, where they now reside. Here were born Diane, Debbie and Phillip.

After "Mr. Charlie" and "Miss Claudia" passed away, "Miss Ada Mae" sold this house and bought the old Tom Long house on US Highway 29 in Palmetto, renting a portion of it to Paul and Edna (Boyn-

ton) Watson. Folks remember Miss Ada Mae digging up narcissus and jonquil bulbs from her old house and giving them to friends because she could not bear to see them destroyed by commercialists.

Miss Ada Mae, who was very active at Ramah Baptist Church, was always around doing the thankless little things that no one else thought of doing. In so doing, she made use of the most common things in life—things like picking and arranging flowers that she had seen on the side of a road because they tied in with the color scheme of a Royal Ambassador Program, or picking flowers from her yard and helping arrange them for a wedding (free of charge, of course).

Miss Ada Mae is remembered for always extending a helping hand to the needy, sick, bereaved and elderly in the community.

Submitted by Berta Bradley at request of Reece Irwin, son.

Christopher Columbus "Lum" Jackson

Christopher Columbus Jackson (1848-1930), son of Samuel and Arminda, was a farmer and a life-long resident of the Palmetto area. At the age of fifteen, he enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in Company B, 4th Regiment, Georgia Reserves, and served as a guard at the Andersonville Prison until the War ended. On October 2, 1870, he married Sarah Jane Harris (1853-1922) in Palmetto, the ceremony being performed by S. P. Steed. She was the daughter of Henry Vincent Harris and Agatha Elizabeth White. The new couple began their life together in a log house near Cochran's Mill and the Cedar Branch school. Next they lived in the Dr. J. H. Watkins house in the Sardis community. By the time all of their twelve children had been born, they moved to the Dr. J. A. Carlton house north of Palmetto. When Mr. Lum decided to retire from farming, the W. C. Smith house on Main Street was bought; they lived there until their deaths. Both were members of Ramah Church and are buried in Ramah Cemetery. Eleven of the twelve children survived, and most of them married and continued to live in the Palmetto area. Ed farmed with his father, taught at several schools in the area (Sardis, Baptist Rest, Goodes), and was a mail carrier. Tom ran a dairy and operated a cotton gin in Palmetto. Harris was a farmer and a Palmetto policeman. Joe and Claude had a grocery store in town at one time and later became postal clerks for the Atlanta Railway. Three sisters-in-law, each of whom married a son of Mr. Lum, survive today: Mrs. Tom Jackson, Mrs. Claude Jackson, and Mrs. Joe Jackson.



Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Columbus "Lum" Jackson

The following is a list of their children and their marriages: Elizabeth Gertrude married Robert A. Gober; Edward Evans married Effie Elizabeth Slaton; Samuel Thomas married Hyacinth Cook; Sallie Columbus never married; Henry Harris married Fannie Russell; Susan Arminda married William Richard Duke; Willie married Richard Percy Bomar; Jessie, twin to Willie, died in infancy; Nellie Florence married Robert David Tatum; Mattie Lou married first Romalus M. Hagler and later Bob Pitman; Claude Christopher married LaTrelle Cook; and Joseph William married Geneive Slatten.

Submitted by Stanley A. Bailey

Claude Christopher Jackson Family

Claude Christopher Jackson was born to Christopher Columbus and Sara Jane Harris Jackson on May 17, 1890, in the Palmetto area. He had four brothers: Ed, Tom, Harris, and Joe, and seven sisters: Gertie, Sally, Minnie, Willie, Jessie, Florence, and Mattie Lou, all deceased. He was a Railway Mail Clerk for forty-two years before his retirement in 1957 and was a member of Palmetto Lodge No. 74. He died on May 31, 1960, and is buried in Floral Hill Cemetery.

LaTrelle Cook Jackson was born to John Franklin and Vera Hayes Cook on October 3, 1903, in Madras, Georgia. She has two sisters, Amma Park, of Newnan, and Jacqueline Lambert, of Palmetto. She was graduated from Newnan High School and taught school in

old Campbell County prior to her marriage. She is a member of Palmetto Methodist Church and was a member of the Palmetto Garden Club for many years. They were also members of the Palmetto Better Home Town Club.

They were married in Newnan, Georgia, on February 4, 1929, and lived in Atlanta until 1930 when they moved to Palmetto. They had one daughter, born and died May 14, 1930, who is buried in Floral Hill Cemetery.

Submitted by Mrs. Dot Bates

Edward E. Jackson Family

Edward Evans Jackson, Jr., son of Edward Evans Jackson, Sr., and Effie Elizabeth Slaton, was born on November 11, 1919, in Senoia, Georgia. On June 28, 1941, he married Jessie Hazel Brown. Hazel, born on December 24, 1920, in Atlanta, is the daughter of Andrew Alexander Brown and Vassie Leola Burke, who will be one hundred years old on September 22, 1979. Ed graduated from Campbell High and Hazel from Commercial High in Atlanta. Ed was drafted into the Air Force in 1942 and was assigned to Williams Field, Arizona, as a training-planes mechanic. When the war ended and he received his discharge, Ed returned to Palmetto to his wife and year-old daughter. He started to work for Palmetto Cotton Mills, Inc., played for the Palmetto baseball team, and joined the

Masonic Lodge. Beginning in 1959, Ed worked as an air freight agent for Eastern Air Lines. In 1971 he became the owner and operator of the Palmetto Grocery. At the time of his death on June 13, 1977, Ed was working full-time for Eastern and maintaining a full schedule at the store. Hazel, having worked earlier as a bookkeeper at Palmetto Cotton Mills, continues to operate Palmetto Grocery. Ed and Hazel have two children.

Linda Jean Jackson was born on September 22, 1944, at Ft. McPherson Hospital. After graduating from Campbell High School in 1962, Linda attended West Georgia College and Georgia State University. In 1970 she married William B. Carter, Jr., who graduated from Georgia Tech. Now living in Chester, New Jersey, Linda is a realtor and Bill works for AT&T. They have one child, Sarah Jackson Carter, who was born on May 25, 1976.

Edward Evans Jackson III was born on May 10, 1947, in Atlanta. Eddie completed his studies at Campbell High in 1965 and then attended Florida Southern and Clayton Jr. Colleges. In 1967-68 he served in the Medical Corps in Vietnam. Eddie is married to Yvonne Iris Parker, and they live in Rico. Eddie works for Eastern Air Lines, and Von for the First Palmetto Bank. They have two daughters: Kimberly Anna, who was born on March 24, 1970, and Amy Elizabeth, who was born on April 29, 1974.

Submitted by Hazel Jackson

John H. Jackson Family

John Henry Jackson and Emily Catherine Jackson were married and had seven children. Stephen O. Jackson and John D. Jackson were two of the boys who married and still live in the Palmetto area.

Stephen married Jane Mauldin, who died in January, 1955; later he was married to Callie Hyden.

Johnny married Lena Tarleton, and they had two sons, Hugh and Charles.



Eddie, Ed, and Linda

Hugh married Doris Tevepaugh, and they have one daughter, Cathy. Cathy is married to Calvin Winfield, and they have two sons, Mike and David.

Charles married Thelma Thurman, and they have two children, Karlton and Karol. Karlton is married to Mary Ann Ayers. Karol is married to Dennis Farr, and they have two sons, Stephen and Scott.

William A. Jackson is the only other living child of the John Henry Jackson family. He is married to Mary

Sprayberry and lives in Akron, Ohio. Their children are married and live in the Ohio area.

The only other one of the John Henry Jackson family that lived to have a family, was Lillie Jackson, who was married to Lossie Davis. They lived in the Fayetteville area until their death. Their children and families still live in this general area.

Submitted by Mrs. Charles S. Jackson

Joseph William Jackson Family

Joseph William Jackson was born in the Palmetto area on February 20, 1892. He was the youngest child of Christopher Columbus and Sarah Jane Harris Jackson. In 1912, he entered the Railway Mail Service and continued working there until his retirement in 1958. He died July 7, 1971, and is buried in Holly Hill Cemetery.

Geneive Elizabeth Slatten was born in Atlanta on December 20, 1898, the daughter of Andrew Jackson and Minnie Laura Fleming Slatten.

On June 17, 1922, they were married at the First Christian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. The ceremony was performed by Dr. L. O. Bricker. She has been an active member of the Palmetto Baptist Church for more than fifty years. She was also active in P.T.A. and served as president.

They lived in Palmetto and had two children: Dorothy Ann Jackson, born March 30, 1924, and Joseph William Jackson, Jr., born November 24, 1928.

Dorothy graduated from Valdosta State College in 1945 and has taught in the Fulton County School System twenty-three years. She was married on June 16, 1946, to Clyde Thomas Bates of Palmetto.

Joseph William Jackson, Jr., graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in June 1953. He worked for Westinghouse Corporation in Baltimore, Maryland, for nine years as an electronics engineer. He now resides in Palmetto.

Submitted by Mrs. Gen Jackson



Mrs. Gen Jackson is photographed sitting in a rocker at the Palmetto Spring Festival in 1979. Carole Harper and Melanie Harris are discussing Palmetto History with her.

Samuel Jackson

Samuel Jackson, second son of William and Isabella, arrived with his parents in Campbell County soon after its creation. In 1838 he married Arminda England and established a farm in the Palmetto area. Then in 1848 Samuel bought from his mother-in-law, Matilda England, a plot of land east of Palmetto. Since this land was part of Coweta County's seventh district, which was divided when Campbell County was created, Samuel and his family were now living in Coweta County, but they had a Palmetto address. Samuel became noted as a farmer and a leather worker, but his untimely death at age thirty-nine brought a change to the Jackson family. Some of the land was sold to settle legal matters pertaining to the

estate. The inventory of the property, which listed the expected household and farm equipment, included over a hundred pounds of various kinds of leather and the tools of a cobbler, as well as debit accounts for customers. Also, in 1857, the Coweta Court of Ordinary appointed James P. Astin as legal overseer of the estate rights of the seven minor children. During and following these years of legalities, Arminda reared her children and remained on a portion of the original England-Jackson property with her three unmarried daughters until her death.

Samuel was born in 1813 in South Carolina and died circa 1852. His marriage to Arminda England (1816-1903) took place in Coweta County on March 15,

1838. Their three unmarried daughters were Missouri Anne, Matilda Caroline, and Pelona Dalta. One son, Joseph William, went to Washington state as a young

man. Their youngest son, Christopher Columbus, was born in 1848 and married Sarah Jane Harris (see separate entry).

Submitted by Stanley A. Bailey

William Jackson

William Jackson was one of the early settlers in the Palmetto area and was the progenitor of the Jackson line, which stretches from the 1830's to the present day. William was born in 1785 in South Carolina, where he married Isabella McCully, who was born in 1787 in Ireland. Later William moved his family to Georgia, probably Gwinnett County. By 1830 this Jackson family had become permanent residents of Campbell County. William and his brother, Robert,

settled and farmed land which is in the vicinity of Ramah Church on the north side of the town of Palmetto. Three of William and Isabella's children married and settled in the Palmetto area. Ezekial L. Jackson married Salina Patman and was a bailiff. William B. Jackson married Susan Francis Richardson. Samuel Jackson married Armina England (see separate entry).

Submitted by Stanley A. Bailey

Robert (Bobby) Jacobs Family

Robert (Bobby) Jacobs, formerly of Newnan, Georgia, and Brenda Kelley Jacobs, formerly of Hiawassee, Georgia, with two daughters: Kelly, age three years, and Michelle, age three months, live at 523 Griffith Drive. They have lived in the Palmetto area nine and one half years.

Robert is employed by Delta Airlines as a Passen-

ger Service Agent. Brenda is a former Sales Service Representative for Fasson in Peachtree City, and is presently a housewife.

Brenda has a sister, Joyce Baker, who lives on Church Street with husband, Billy, two daughters, Cindy and Jolee, and son Bart.

Submitted by Brenda K. Jacobs

Mary Ruth (Richardson) James Family

Mary Ruth Richardson, oldest daughter of Levi Matthew and Opal Phillips Richardson, was born January 30, 1924. As was the custom of the day, Mary Ruth was born at home; Dr. Smith was the attending physician.

Ruth attended Goodes Elementary School and later the new Charles E. Riley School in Palmetto. She graduated from Campbell High School in 1941, after which she moved to Atlanta to secure employment. It was there that she met and married Tollie Claude (Jim) James, who was born August 4, 1923, and who lived in Homerville, Georgia. Jim, after completion of high school, had also moved to Atlanta to seek employment. Jim also attended the Atlanta School of Pharmacy. Jim and Ruth were married May 30, 1945.

Most of their marriage was spent in Decatur, Georgia, where their children were born. They had three daughters: Martha Ellen, born November 17, 1947; Carol Ann, born November 24, 1954; and Nancy Lynn, born August 17, 1957.

Jim died November 19, 1974, in Palmetto, where they had moved during his latter years. Ruth and daughters have now returned to Decatur to make their homes.

Martha Ellen, who married Charles Verlon Johnson on April 3, 1971, has two children: Clarisa Ruth, born February 6, 1972, and Caroline Nicole, born March 15, 1975. Their residence is also Decatur, Georgia.

(Also see Levi Matthew Richardson Family)

Submitted by Ruth Richardson James

Gladys Virginia Richardson James

Gladys Virginia Richardson, daughter of Harold Eugene Richardson and Frances Virginia Hyde, mar-

ried William Russell James, from Waycross, Georgia, on May 10, 1957.

They made their home in Decatur, Georgia, until they were transferred to California in 1965, where they are still living. They have two sons: William Jef-

fery, born April 19, 1959, and Randall Steven, born March 15, 1960.

Submitted by Corine Teal and Betty Anne Bradley

Solomon Jefferson Family

Solomon and Edith Jefferson came from Charlotte, North Carolina, by wagon train to Atlanta in late 1866. They were looking for work. After they had been in Atlanta two days, they met Levi Ballard, who brought them to Palmetto to work for him. They had thirteen children, all but four of whom were born on the Ballard place.

Edith worked for some time in the Ballard home. She was one of the founders of the Ramah Baptist Church on Spring Street.

Her children are all deceased now, the last one being Maggie J. Williams, who died October 10, 1978.

Three of Edith's children were from her first marriage to a man named Roberts. They were Mary, Royce, and Bill Roberts.

Children of Solomon and Edith were Lucinda, Martha, John, Robert, Earl, Joe, Maggie, Hattie and Will.

Edith's son John has three children who still live on the Ballard place, just as did their grandmother. They are Fannie Jefferson, Bessie Amoss Jefferson, and John Jefferson, Jr.

Submitted by Louvenia Williams, a granddaughter-in-law

Merriell Jenkins Family

Merriell was born in 1941 at home in Palmetto. He was the third of four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jenkins. His sisters are Mary Jo Bentley, Pat Barnes and Janice Grace.

As a Junior at Campbell High, Merriell entered the D.E. program and went to work for Bradleys in Palmetto. He became Meat Market Manager and later a partner in the business.

In 1964 Merriell married Carolyn Ward from Red Oak, born in 1946. She was the fourth of seven children born to Dorothy and Melvin Ward. Carolyn's brothers and sisters are Cynthia Curry, Jerry, Tommy, Alice Wheat, Greg and Warren. She was employed by A.T. & T. for seven years until the birth of their first child, Camille, in 1971. Another daughter, Rebecca, was born in 1977. They live on Hwy. 29 south of Palmetto.

Merriell and Carolyn worked together with Bobby and Pat Barnes in 1973 and formed a partnership, Jenkins & Barnes Meat Processing, which is a part-time business located on Hutcheson Ferry Road.

Merriell's hobbies include bird hunting. Carolyn enjoys reading and music. They both are members of Palmetto Baptist Church. Merriell is also a member of Palmetto Masonic Lodge.

Submitted by Carolyn Jenkins



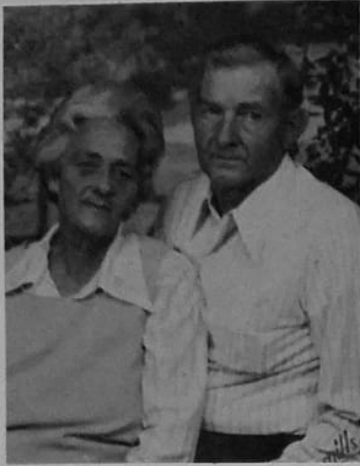
Merriell, Carolyn, Rebecca and Camille Jenkins

Richard Jenkins Family

Richard Andrew Jenkins, Sr., was born in Fayette County in 1878 and married the former Daisey Mae Hollingsworth.

To this union Richard Andrew Jenkins, Jr., was born in 1907. Reared in Fayette County, he married

Emma Lou Handley, also of Fayette County, in 1933. They built their home at 517 Harris Avenue in Palmetto in 1942. Richard was a textile worker at the Palmetto Cotton Mill for twenty-six years. They have four children, Mary Jo, Patricia, Merriell, and Janice,



Emma Lou and Richard
Jenkins

all of whom have chosen to make their homes in the Palmetto area.

Richard and his family were among the first to build on Harris Street. He later built a total of twelve houses in that area of Palmetto. After the closing of the Mill, Richard worked in the construction business until his retirement.

Richard and Emma Lou are both members of Palmetto Baptist Church. Richard has also served as Councilman for the City of Palmetto. Emma Lou is a devoted housewife and mother. They are blessed with eleven grandchildren.

Submitted by Janice J. Grace

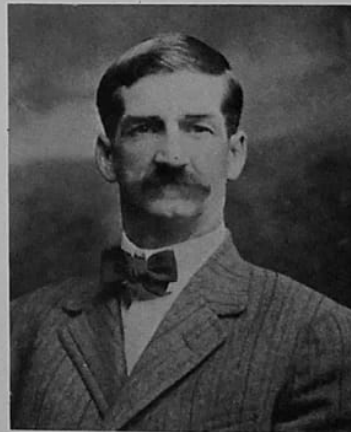
Howard "Pat" Johnson

"Mr. Pat" was born in 1874 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson and was nicknamed "Pat" in childhood because of his bright red hair and features which made him appear of Irish ancestry. He attended Emory College in Oxford as his father and brothers had done, and then returned to the Palmetto he loved, to help on his father's farm and acquire some land of his own. In his forties he worked for the U. S. Postal Service aboard trains running from Atlanta to New Orleans and told interesting stories later of this period of his life. He was an active member of the First Methodist Church, serving as Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent at various times.

He lived several miles east of Palmetto on Johnson Road, and was a familiar figure walking into Palmetto almost every day that weather and crops permitted, to see and talk with friends in town. He loved people, was very gregarious, and was a great story teller. He particularly liked to talk about the old days. He loved history, especially the history of the South, and knew quite a bit about the battles of the Civil War. He liked children and young people, and enjoyed reading to them, teaching them, and helping them with their homework. He was a fine correspondent, and every

day kept a diary. Along with the events of the day and whom he had seen, he told of the conditions of the crops and the weather. He was a great nature lover, and loved the soil and growing things. He was a lovable, enthusiastic person and it is a privilege to write about him. He died in 1956.

Submitted by Jean Cochran van Weele and Miss
Frances Parks



Mr. W.H. "Pat" Johnston

Dr. Jimmy R. Johnson Family

Dr. Jimmy R. Johnson was born August 9, 1937, in Grantville, Georgia to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Johnson. He graduated from Grantville High School in 1955, Emory-at-Oxford in 1957, LaGrange College in 1960, and Naval Officer Candidate School in 1961. He served four years in the U. S. Navy at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, in Oceanographic Research. He graduated from Emory University School of Dentistry in 1969 as Doctor of Dental Surgery. He prac-

ticed dentistry in Palmetto until June, 1978. He is now with the U. S. Navy Dental Corps at Camp Pendleton, California.

His wife, Barbara Bowen Bradley Johnson, was born January 17, 1937, in Palmetto to Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dorsey Bradley. She graduated from Campbell High School in 1955 and LaGrange College in 1959. She taught school one year at Cedar Grove School, one and a half years at Ramey Base Schools,

Puerto Rico, and eight years at M. P. Word School in Fairburn.

Jimmy and Barbara were married August 28, 1959, at the Palmetto Methodist Church by the Reverend William Baugh and the Reverend William Ansley.

They have two children. Kenneth Bradley Johnson was born September 14, 1962, at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico, and Amanda Leigh Johnson was born September 25, 1970, at Newnan Hospital, Newnan, Georgia.

Ken attended Charles E. Riley Elementary School and through the tenth grade at Palmetto High School. He is presently attending Fallbrook Union High School, Fallbrook, California. Amanda attended Charles E. Riley School in the first grade, M. P. Word School in the second and is presently attending Mary Fay Pendleton School, Camp Pendleton, California.



Jim and Barbara Johnson are pictured with their children Ken and Amanda.

Submitted by Barbara Johnson

Luther Richard Johnson Family

Luther Richard Johnson was born to James Lenard and Annie Gladys Johnson January 9, 1941. He has lived most of his thirty-eight years in Palmetto, except for two years in the U. S. Army. He worked as a brick mason for ten years and has been employed with Eastern Airlines for the last ten years. Richard is married to Thelma Gene Turbyfield. They live at 511 Jackson Avenue where they have lived for ten years. They have two daughters, Wanda Gene and Connie Lynn. Thelma Gene is employed as a substitute teacher with the Fulton County Board of Education. She has been a resident of Palmetto all of her thirty-three

years. She was born and raised on Cemetery Street, now known as Spring Street. Their oldest daughter, Wanda is employed with the Palmetto Health Council, Inc., as a secretary to Mr. Carl Thompson. Her future plans are to become Mrs. Ricky Landers and continue working. Connie Lynn is in the 9th Grade at Palmetto High School. She is on drill team for the first time this fall. Her future plans are to become a professional singer. The Johnsons plan now to build a new house on Ridley Road in Palmetto.

Submitted by Thelma Johnson

Miss Willie Johnson

Miss Willie (as she is fondly called by her friends) made her appearance in Palmetto August 12, 1968, with the Georgia Baptist Children's Home when they moved from Hapeville to Palmetto. She continued with the Home as Religious Educational-Director and Public Relations until she retired in August 1975 after thirty-four years with the Home. She then rented and moved to 523 Menefee Street. She became very active in Palmetto Baptist Church and in other community affairs, especially with Senior Adults, the WODRO Club, which she helped to organize and name. Their motto is "Wear Out Don't Rust Out."

Miss Willie was born in 1909 in a little community atop Look Out Mountain called Head River, so named because it is the beginning of Little River, which rises from springs in that community and flows for forty miles on top of the mountain before descending. She was one of a family of seven sisters and one brother. She got her first seven years of school in

the little one-room country school and church. She got her five years of high school at City High in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Then, taking a State Examination and receiving a teacher's certificate, she went back to the mountains and taught for five years in the little one-room school where she grew up. Then on faith and with help from an older sister she attended Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina, for two years. It had been her dream since early childhood to teach Bible to small children. Now it had come true. After one year of Pioneer Bible Teaching among the Mill Village children of East Rockingham, North Carolina, she was called in 1941 to the Georgia Baptist State Children's Home (formerly known as an orphanage) as Religious Educational and Recreational Director, to work with 350 children living on the ninety-one acre campus. She also taught kindergarten for fifteen years on campus.

Miss Willie has said of her thirty-four years of ser-

vice with the Children's Home. "I enjoyed every minute of my work with the children. I led many of them to accept Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. I feel that I have through my teaching and counseling helped to direct many, many girls and boys in the right path for better living. All Thanks and Praise be to Our Lord."

Submitted by Miss Willie Johnson



February 14, 1979 Tom Daugherty, the Pastor of Palmetto Baptist Church, volunteered to cook a dinner for the whole church. Miss Willie and her third grade Sunday School Class volunteered to decorate for the banquet. Both the decorations and banquet were

beautiful with 130 present. Front row: Mark Watson, Tom Daugherty. Back row: Miss Willie, Kenneth Grace, Mike Thompson, Shane Hancock, Kim Jackson and Sissy Turner.

John Hutchins Johnson Family

John Hutchins Johnson moved to a home three miles south of Palmetto, probably in the 1830's, from Henry County. He was a member of the Georgia Senate and a landowner. In 1832, he married Ann Frances Penn, whose parents, Wilson and Frances Taliaferre Penn, had come to Georgia from Virginia. One of their six sons was John Andrew Johnson. He attended college in Oxford, surveyed sections of the Atlanta-West Point Railroad, fought in the Civil War, and managed his farms east of Palmetto. In 1872, he married Mary Hutcheson of County Line, whose mother was Sara Pickens Henry, and whose father, James Hutcheson, had come from North Ireland in 1818, became a successful merchant in Newnan, and in the 1830's moved with his family to live at County Line (His home is typical of that period, and the boxwood gardens were laid out by a Mr. Berkman, who designed many gardens in the state).

The children of "Jack" Johnson were Hugh, who married Louise O'Neill, of Rome, Georgia; Edgar, who married Susie McMichael of Buena Vista, and became a Dean at Emory University; Eugene, who married May Sullivan of Chicago and became a professor of history in Rolla, Missouri; Annie Kate, who mar-

ried G. Edward Parks of Newnan; Howard, who remained a bachelor, and became an enthusiastic member of the Palmetto community and a farmer; and Mary, who was married to Berry W. Cochran of Palmetto.

Submitted by Mrs. Marinus van Weele



Mary Hutcheson Johnson and John Andrew (Jack) Johnson in 1875.

Edwin Lamar Johnston Family

Edwin Lamar Johnston, who was born October 17, 1892, and died July 13, 1963, married Janie Reeves, on November 29, 1923. Both are buried in Palmetto. Edwin was born in Newnan, but lived most of his life in Palmetto and Atlanta. He pioneered the automotive supply and parts business in Atlanta, along about the

time (1926) Carlyle Fraser established Genuine Parts. Both have been in continuous operation since. Edwin's business addresses have been Piedmont, Peachtree, Spring, and Pine Streets in Atlanta. The business is now located on Roosevelt Highway, College Park, and is owned and operated by third (Edwin Lamar

Johnston) and fourth (Edwin Lamar Johnston, Jr.) generations.

Edwin possessed an outstanding business acumen, but was assisted by his wife, Janie, three nephews, Howard, Max, and Robert, a great nephew, Edwin Lamar Johnston, and loyal employees.

Submitted by Mrs. Robert H. Johnston

Janie and Edwin Johnston



Fred Hill Johnston Family

Fred Johnston, eldest of three children, was born September 16, 1908, to Willis Dempsey and Susan Frances Johnston in old Campbell County at his grandparents' farm. It still remains in the family and is now the home of Alberta Richardson Bradley. His paternal grandparents, John Thomas and Sarah Florence Johnston, were also from old Campbell County. His brothers, Roy Thomas and Willis, Jr. were both born in Palmetto.

After a time in the Atlanta Postal Service, Roy Johnston became a career Army officer in World War II. After retiring in 1962, he entered Civil Service at Fort Benning. He and his wife, former Cecil Watson of Thomaston, make their home in Columbus, Georgia.

Willis Johnston, Jr., a World War II Air Force pilot, lost his life in an air crash in Italy. His widow, former Elaine Long of Mississippi, and their daughter Andrea make their home in San Diego, California.

Enlisting in 1926 in the U.S. Marine Corps, Fred served seven and one half years in Central America, the United States, and Hawaii. In Honolulu he met Christin Lucille Ekman. Lucille, as she is known, was from an old seafaring family. Captain Frank Ekman always took his family with him in their two-masted sailing schooner, "Shamrock"—that is, until arriving in Honolulu from an extended South Pacific tour en route to the Orient. After meeting Fred, Lucille would

not leave Honolulu. Her mother and the other five children stayed there, also, and Mrs. Ekman died there in 1936. At that time Hawaii was considered foreign service, so Fred obtained a special order discharge at Pearl Harbor so that he and Lucille could marry on November 20, 1934, and live there. Two children, Fred Jr. and Sara-Jane Piilani, were born in 1936 and 1940. In 1940 the family came to Palmetto, which, to say the least, was quite a change for Lucille to come stateside to live inland. Coming with them was Lucille's ward and brother who formally took the name of Frank Ekman Johnston. He married Joann Wingo of Palmetto and with their son still resides here. The other Johnston children, Joseph Howard, Frances Amelia, and Susan Diane, were born in Atlanta. Except for service in the Navy during World War II, the Johnstons lived in the old Wiley home, where Confederate soldiers were quartered in the front yard during the Civil War.

Fred died from an auto accident on December 16, 1970. Lucille remarried in 1976 to Clair Christman of Allegan, Michigan. They returned to Georgia to make their home. As Clair said, "I gave my snow shovel to Lucille's sister, June, so I can't go back to all that snow and ice. I'm a Georgia hill billy now!"

Submitted by Lucille Johnston Christman

Hardy Stanton Johnston Family

Hardy Stanton Johnston was born to Joseph E. and Elizabeth Andrews Johnston on February 16, 1939, in Fairburn, Georgia. He was the fifth of ten children. A graduate of Campbell High School and John Marshall University, he is now employed by General Motors in Atlanta. He served two years in the Army in the paratroopers. He serves as a deacon and Sunday School teacher in the Palmetto Baptist Church.

Beverley Elaine Grubbs Johnston was born to Taska

Theodore and Margaret Barge Grubbs on February 13, 1943. She has three sisters and one brother. A graduate of Campbell High School, she was employed by American Telephone and Telegraph Company for five years. She is a member of Palmetto Baptist Church and is active in the choir.

They were married November 17, 1961, and have made their home in Palmetto since that time. They have three children. Hardy Stanton Johnston, Jr., born



Stan, Beverley, Stanton, Steven and Patrick Johnston

February 21, 1964, is a student at Palmetto High School, where he is a member of the band and various clubs. His interests are hunting, swimming, baseball, and reading.

Stephen Dwayne Johnston, born October 13, 1967, is a student at Charles E. Riley School, where he is a member of the band. His hobbies include band, piano, swimming, baseball, and reading.

Patrick Theodore Johnston, born April 29, 1971, is a student at Charles E. Riley School. His hobbies include swimming, baseball, reading and riding his bicycle. All three children are members of Palmetto Baptist Church.

Submitted by Beverley Johnston

Joseph Ezra Johnston Family

Joseph Ezra Johnston (Joe) was born September 12, 1897, to John Thomas and Sarah Florence Richards Johnston. He was born in Whitesburg, Georgia, in Carroll County. He attended elementary and high school in Georgia. He also attended Georgia Tech. He served in the U. S. Army, enlisting in 1914 at the age of seventeen. After the army he worked for Davison's and then the U. S. Post Office in Atlanta.

Elizabeth Clementine Andrews was born September 13, 1911, to Olin Davis and Clementine (Clemmie) Maddox Andrews in Greensboro, Georgia, in Green County. She attended elementary and high school in Greensboro. She also attended Central Night School in Atlanta. She was employed by Davison's in Atlanta.

Joe and Elizabeth were married July 5, 1930, and lived in Atlanta. They came to Palmetto in 1947. After twenty-four years of marriage and ten children, Joe died in 1954. Elizabeth and four of the children still live in Palmetto.

The children are: John Thomas, who was born November 10, 1931, and died December 15, 1934. Florence Clementine, who was born February 19, 1934, is now Mrs. Clifford Johnson. They live in Palmetto. Joseph Olin, who was born March 31, 1938, lives in Fort Mills, South Carolina. Jere Eugene, who was born August 19, 1937, lives in Cliftondale community, outside Fairburn. Hardy Stanton, who was born February 16, 1939, lives in Palmetto. Kenneth Andrews, who was born September 1, 1941, lives in Douglasville, Georgia. Elizabeth Anne, who was born January 30, 1944, lives in Palmetto. She was married to Clyde Hufstetler. Katherine Elaine, who was born October 31, 1945, lives in Miami, Florida. She is married to Gerald Coleman. Jack Howard, who was born July 10, 1950, died February 20, 1975. William James, who was born April 6, 1953, lives in Palmetto.

Elizabeth now has twenty-seven grandchildren.

Submitted by Beverley Johnston

Robert Higdon Johnston, Jr.

Robert Higdon Johnston, Jr., who was born December 11, 1888, and died October 21, 1921, in Clarksdale, Mississippi, is buried in Palmetto. "Rob," as he was known by his family, was the son of Robert Higdon Johnston and Sarah Glenn Smith Johnston. He was

Advance Agent for Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus.

Submitted by Mrs. Robert H. Johnston

Johnston Family

William Homer Johnston, son of John Thomas and Sarah Florence Richards Johnston, was born in Carroll County on March 20, 1882. He came from a large

family of eleven children, nine of whom reached adulthood. Of this large family, there are only two survivors, Mrs. V. Q. Shannon (Lula) and Mrs. D. D.

Phillips (Lizzie Florence). The Johnston family was active in the County Line Primitive Baptist Church of Carroll County, but when they moved to the Palmetto area around 1900, they attended the churches where they resided, mostly Ramah Baptist Church. Homer's parents kept their membership at County Line Church, and Homer always retained his Primitive Baptist faith.

His parents and three brothers, Willis, Grady, and Joseph (Joe), are laid to rest in Ramah Church Cemetery, as are several other members of the family.

On December 27, 1904, William Homer married Lela L. Hammond, born February 13, 1887, the daughter of James (Jim) and Melinda Ballard Hammond of the Rico Community. They were all active in the Providence Baptist Church (Piney Woods). Her father was an ordained deacon. Her parents, sister Frances (Fannie), and brother, Levi, as well as several other members of her family are laid to rest in the church cemetery. There are no immediate survivors.

Homer and Lela Johnston reared four children: Clarice, Gordon, J. H. and Harold. They and their families are all still living: Clarice, in Palmetto; Gordon, in Atlanta, Georgia; J. H., in East Point, Georgia; and Harold, in Hiawasse, Georgia.

The Homer Johnston family lived in and around the Palmetto area for most of their married life. They moved to the Goodes community in 1918. They, too,



William Homer Johnston and Lela Hammond Johnston

attended Sardis Baptist Church. Mrs. Johnston moved her membership there soon and Clarice united there in August, 1928. As stated, Mr. Johnston always adhered to his Primitive Baptist faith, but always attended and supported his family's church. He always spoke of the pastors as "My preacher."

In 1929 the Johnston family moved to the Steed Place, where the Baptist Children's Home now stands. They lived there until 1936. After two or three more moves, they moved to where Mr. Raymond Parrott now lives on Menefee Street. Mr. Johnston was a farmer and sawmiller.

Submitted by Clarice Johnston Kearns

Willis D. Johnston, Sr., Family

Only those close to Willis and "Fannie" Johnston really understood them. Uncle Willis loved to read. He was very knowledgeable on many subjects. He studied the Bible and was a Sunday School teacher and a deacon at Ramah Church.

Aunt Fannie was very versatile. She could do anything. She would tackle a carpenter's job, nurse an invalid, raise a garden of marketable vegetables, make a shirt, crochet a bedspread, or lay a concrete walkway. If she gave out of ways to make money, she would convert a part of her house and rent it.

Aunt Fannie had a heart of gold. She gave generously to the church—money she worked hard to accumulate. She stayed with her niece, Elizabeth, when Elizabeth's first child was born. Always finding time to work with her flowers, she had one kind or another in bloom all the time. She would ask, "Don't you want a bouquet?"

Uncle Willis and Aunt Fannie had three sons: Fred, Roy and Willis, Jr. All three served in the armed forces: Fred, in the Marines; Roy, in the Navy and the Army; and Willis, Jr., in the Air Force. The latter lost his life in 1942 while in the Air Force. Fred died in 1970. Roy lives in Columbus, Georgia.

Aunt Fannie taught all three of her sons math and

reading at the age of three or four. They were all intelligent men. If she had had a daughter, she would surely have had her sewing by the time she could reach the treadle, or crocheting when her hands were large enough. She believed in working, and spent few idle hours.

When her niece took Aunt Fannie on a trip to Florida, she forgot her suitcase in which most of her clothes were packed. All she had was a housecoat, a sun dress that Aunt Lolie lent her, and the clothes she had on. She was a great sport and had a wonderful time with her limited wardrobe. The fun of it all added much to the trip for all who went.

In honor of all of her hard work, this account is written.

(Also see Hill A. Richardson Family)

Submitted by a niece, Elizabeth (Morris) Swanson

Fannie, (Born January 31, 1886-died February 2, 1971) and Willis (born January 23, 1880, and died July 6, 1962).



William Hardaway Johnston

William Hardaway Johnston was born December 18, 1881, in Palmetto and died June 14, 1937, in Atlanta. Will was the son of Robert Higdon and Sarah G. Smith Johnston, grandson of Henry LaFayette and Marie Dorothy Weeks Johnston, and great grandson of Hugh G. and Eliza Ann Johnston. He married Myrtie Frances Givens on August 28, 1906. Will was a railway mail clerk and was a partner, for a time, in a grocery store with Claude and J. W. Jackson in Palmetto. He pioneered the vending business in Atlanta, having perhaps the first "penny peanut" machines. Will and Myrt lived most of their married life in Palmetto in the Givens home and later purchased the Batchelor home. Both are buried in Palmetto.

Their children were William Howard, who was born May 30, 1907, and married Florence Chandler, and died March 29, 1976; Max Givens, who was born February 10, 1909, married Janie R. Johnston, and died October 26, 1971; Robert Higdon, who was born

February 13, 1910, and married Annie Sara Camp; Sarah Elizabeth, who was born March 23, 1911, married Harvey L. Brown, and after Harvey's death married H. B. Carmichael; Emily Frances, who was born December 27, 1915, and married Robert Moore Penland, Jr.

Submitted by Mrs. Robert H. Johnston



William Hardaway Johnston

William James Johnston Family

William James (Jimmy) Johnston, the tenth child of Joseph Ezra and Elizabeth Andrews Johnston, was born April 6, 1953, in Newnan, Georgia. He attended Charles E. Riley Elementary School and then Campbell High School in Fairburn. He attended Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, Georgia, for one year. He then attended West Georgia College in Carrollton, graduating in April of 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science.

Susan Jeanette Thomas, the second child of Claude P. and Mary Lynn Stephens Thomas, was born August 10, 1955, in Newnan. She attended M. P. Word

Elementary School in Fairburn and later Campbell High School, from which she graduated in March of 1973.

Jimmy and Susan were married at The Rock Baptist Church in Fairburn. Their first child, William Eric Johnston, was born on September 11, 1973, in Newnan. On October 5, 1976, their second child, Amanda Lynn Johnston, was born, also in Newnan.

The Johnstons now reside at 503 Johnston Avenue in Palmetto.

Submitted by Susan Johnston

Walter and Vianna McElwaney Jones

Johnny Walter Jones and Vianna McElwaney Jones moved from Tyrone, Fayette County, Georgia, to Palmetto, Georgia, in 1925, when he retired from farming. Their two unmarried daughters, Evie Lou and Bertha, came with them.

Johnny Walter Jones was born March 14, 1869, in Tyrone, Georgia. He died January 1, 1947, in Palmetto, Georgia, at the age of seventy-seven. His father, John T. Jones, was born June 18, 1848, and died August 8, 1919. His mother, Susan Fannie Handley, was born May 28, 1852, and died August 12, 1932.

Vianna McElwaney was born January 29, 1874, in Tyrone, Georgia. She died April 4, 1939, in Palmetto, Georgia, at the age of sixty-five. Her father, L. Berry "Little Berry" McElwaney, was born January 26, 1845,

and died May 2, 1926. Her mother, Lucindy C. Davis, was born March 3, 1849 and died January 31, 1915.

Walter and Vianna Jones had nine children, all of whom lived in Palmetto except Ivy. Claudie was born March 14, 1895, and died March 1, 1959. He married Jessie Smith. Jeffie Woodson was born September 10, 1897, and died June 4, 1948. He married Ellen Stephens, and later Rosie Blair. Ivy Johnny was born March 27, 1899, and died August 7, 1961. He married Myrtice Flowers. Berry Tilman was born January 1, 1901, and died April 27, 1961. He married Nell Roberts. Julius was born August 30, 1902, and died June 3, 1978. He married Addie Ellen Slaton. Elgie was born February 21, 1905, and died September 17, 1968. He married Lois Cochran. Eunice was born December 11,

1907, and married Lem Parrott. Evie Lou was born October 30, 1913, and died March 18, 1966. She married Oliver Marshall. Bertha was born November 19, 1917, and died September 25, 1970. She married Howard Jones.

Submitted by Dan Jones

Walter and Vianna Jones



Ezra Grady Jones Family

Ezra Grady Jones, son of W. H. and Estella Chat-ham Jones of Carroll County, came to live in the Goodes community, Palmetto, Georgia, in the mid 1930s. He lived and farmed with his cousins, Hope L. and Fanilla Shackelford Hearn, on Hearn Road. He was a farmer, sawmiller, and carpenter and was in public work throughout the years.

Ezra married Pauline Ray, daughter of John H. and Effie O. Hattaway Ray of Palmetto. He became a land owner and farmed on land located on Cochran Mill Road. They attended church at Friendship Baptist Church early in their married life, later becoming members of the Sardis Baptist Church on Hutcheson Ferry Road, Palmetto. Pauline served both churches as pianist for many years. Ezra is a deacon of the Sardis Baptist Church.

To Pauline and Ezra was born one son, Douglas Anthony Jones, who graduated from Campbell High School in Fairburn. He attended an electronics school and was employed by Honeywell Company, Cox

Broadcasting, and other companies in the computer departments. He is married to Carol Coleman, daughter of W. H. (Bill) and Louise Coleman of Fairburn, Georgia.

Submitted by Pauline Jones



Ezra and Pauline have gathered around the piano with their son, Douglas, and his wife, Carol Coleman Jones.

George Thomas (Cotton) Jones Family

Thomas (Cotton) Jones was born September 2, 1933, son of Thomas Luther Jones and Eunice Moore Jones. He attended Riley School and Campbell High School in Fairburn, Georgia. At the age of seventeen, he joined the Air Force for a career. On December 20, 1952 at Ramah Baptist Church Pastorium, he married Betty Jean Roberts, daughter of Osie Roberts and Opal Banks Roberts, of Johnson Road, Palmetto, Georgia. Betty Jean attended Riley School and graduated from Campbell High School, Fairburn, Georgia in 1952.

They have three children, Patrice born March 17,

George Thomas Jones Family. Left to right: Cecile, Patrice, and Betty holding Craig and Thomas.



1954, Cecile born October 16, 1955, and Craig born November 16, 1958.

During his twenty-four years of Air Force Duty, they lived in several different states including two years in Germany. He retired in June 1974, now making their home in Denver, Colorado. Cotton is work-

ing for Data Processing and Betty is Secretary for a high school in Denver.

They have two grandchildren and are members of Galilee Baptist Church.

Submitted by Libby Hines

Howard and Bertha Jones Family

In the year 1913 a son, Willie Howard, was born to Thomas Asbery and Addie Jones. Since Addie died in childbirth, Howard was raised by his father, one older brother, and four older sisters.

In 1917 a daughter, Bertha, was born to Johnny Walter and Vianna McElwaney Jones. Along with three older sisters and five older brothers, Bertha was raised in Fayette County and Palmetto.

After growing up together as children, Howard and Bertha were married in 1939. They lived on Rhae Street in Palmetto and worked in the Palmetto Cotton Mill. In February, 1940, a baby boy was born whom they named Bennie. He is now married to Elaine Hopkins Jones. They have two sons: Damon Walter, born October, 1972, and Nathon Byron, born January, 1978.

Two years later, in February, 1942, Bertha and Howard had a daughter Jean, now Mrs. Tommy DuPree. The DuPrees have two children: Deborah Jean, born October, 1967, and Richard Barry, born October, 1972.

When World War II came, Howard was drafted and had to go overseas. Bertha was expecting another child. In November, 1944, Howard was killed in ac-

tion. In June, 1945, Judy was born. She married Jimmy Jenkins and they have two children: David Howard, born in July, 1967, and Delaina Leigh, born in June, 1970.

After Howard's death, Bertha and the children moved to Turner Street in Palmetto, where she lived until her death in September of 1970. Their three children and their families now reside in Palmetto.

Submitted by Mrs. Jean DuPree and Mrs. Judy Jenkins



Howard and Bertha Jones in 1939

Julius and Addie Ellen Slaton Jones

Julius and Addie Jones moved from Tyrone, Fayette County, Georgia, to Palmetto in 1926 with their one-year-old son, Roser Dale. Julius was born August 30, 1902, in Tyrone, Georgia. He is the son of Walter and Vianna McElwaney Jones.

Addie was born January 23, 1900, in Tyrone, Georgia. She is the daughter of Francis Marion and Ellen Holcombe Slaton. Addie was seven months old when her mother died.

Julius and Addie were married December 25, 1924, in College Park, Georgia, by the Reverend Towns.

Julius went to work for the Palmetto Cotton Mill in 1926 at the age of twenty-four as a machinist in the Card Room. He became Overseer of the Card Room at the age of thirty-two, and served in that capacity for twelve years. Then he became Overseer of the Spinning Room and served in that capacity for nine

years, working a total of twenty-nine years for the company.

He was one of the many employees of the mill who were cited during World War II for their significant contribution to the war effort. Addie also worked in



Julius and Addie Jones

the mill during the war when manpower was short.

Julius joined the Palmetto Baptist Church and was baptized in July, 1935, in the fish pond in front of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brittain. Julius was ordained as a deacon by the Palmetto Baptist Church in October, 1937. Julius was also a member of the Palmetto Masonic Lodge. Addie was baptized into the Palmetto Baptist Church in July, 1947, by the Reverend W. Dalton Smith.

In 1955 they purchased the brick home of "Miss Katie" Hudson Graham from the estate of Cecil Hudson. This was the first home they owned, since his residence was furnished by the Palmetto Cotton Mill. They spent many happy years in this house, which was their pride and joy.

When the Palmetto Cotton Mill was sold, Julius was employed at the Elk Cotton Mill in Fayetteville, Tennessee, in 1956. He served as Night Superintendent until his retirement from that company in 1966. After his retirement they moved back to Palmetto.

Julius and Addie Jones had three children: Roser Dale, Julius Daniel, and Carolyn Joyce.

Addie died Saturday, October 14, 1972, at the age of seventy-two, in Coweta General Hospital, Newnan, Georgia. Julius lived alone in the home place until he suffered a heart attack working in his pecan orchard on Wednesday, May 17, 1978. He died in his sleep at Coweta General Hospital on Saturday, June 3, 1978, at the age of seventy-five. They are both buried at Holly Hill Memorial Park in Fairburn, Georgia.

Submitted by Dan Jones

John Jones Family

John Robert Jones was born to the Reverend Paul and Mary Malory Jones in Alexander City, Alabama, on March 17, 1923. He has one brother, Byron, and two sisters, Colleen Stewart, and Sue Blankenship. He attended business school in Montgomery, and then Alabama, Auburn University after serving in World War II.

Addie Belle Wilson was born to Horace and Willie Belle Wilson on October 14, 1924, in Akron, Ohio. She has four sisters, Doris Brown, Leona Storey, Marjorie Costley, Josephine Carroll, and one brother, Frank. She moved to Goodes Community in August, 1927, with her parents. She attended school at Charles E. Riley Elementary and graduated from Campbell High in Fairburn.

They were married in Atlanta on August 31, 1946. Their son, Robert Glenn Jones, was born May 13, 1948, in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a Vietnam Veteran. He is a graduate student at Georgia State University. Their daughter, Judith Faye, was born July 12, 1954. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia and is presently employed by an insurance company in Los Angeles, California.

Addie and John Jones, taken at a family birthday dinner.



John went to work with Union Oil Corporation in October, 1947, and is still employed there. Addie has been employed by Internal Revenue Service over thirteen years. They live in South Cherokee County, Georgia. They are active members of the newly constituted South Cherokee Baptist Church.

Their hobbies are collecting black amethyst glass and panning for rubies and sapphires in Cowee Valley near Franklin, North Carolina. They have a beautiful collection of glass and stones.

Submitted by Addie Jones

Jeffie Woodson Jones Family

Jeffie Jones was born September 10, 1897, in Tyronne, Georgia to John W. Jones and Vianna McElwaney. He moved to Palmetto and began work in the Cotton Mill at a very young age. He married Ellie Florence Stephens and had two sons, Walter Defayette and Robert Milton. Ellie died during childbirth.

Later, on October 15, 1927, he married Rosie Estelle

Blair. They had six children: Jeanette, who is married to Charles E. Hembree; Marion, married to Betty McCannon; Lamar, married to Sue Chambers; Thelma, married to Robert E. Carver; Jimmy, married to Karen Campbell; Patsy, married to Eugene D. Winkles; Walter Defayette (Fayette), married Lurine Winkles; and Milton, married to Hazel Moore. They have twenty-seven grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren.

Jeffie worked in the Cotton Mill until he died, June 4, 1948. Rosie worked in the Mill thirty-five years until it closed down.

They attend the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which was first held in their home for many years. A small church was then built on Park Avenue in Palmetto. The little church was sold, and a new one was built in Peachtree City, Georgia in July

of 1976.

Rosie was born August 7, 1905, in Coweta County near Palmetto to Melvin (Doc) Blair and Ruthie Hestley. Rosie's parents also worked in the Cotton Mill. They began work in the Mill in about 1906.

Rosie later married Samuel P. Fanning on April 4, 1971. They live in Palmetto on 511 Locke Street.

Submitted by Lori Winkles

James Jethro Jones Family

James Jethro Jones, who was born June 18, 1837 in Carroll County, Georgia, like many of his peers thought that the accumulation of wealth lay in the acquisition of land. On January 2, 1854, he purchased two hundred sixty-seven and one half acres of land in old Campbell County at Rivertown near Pumpkintown Ferry on the Chattahoochee River. He died November 29, 1907. The Rivertown Post Office was established in 1832, at which time the Tillman Yates family owned the land.

Joseph A. Jones, father of Willie Jones Crouch, was born December 19, 1869 and died December 1, 1947. He came to Rivertown as a young man to operate the farm, General Store and Post Office. He later purchased the land and added a cotton gin and grist mill. Electricity was generated by the Western Electric mill engine.

On January 2, 1909 he married Winifred Carolyn Camp, a local resident, who was born June 23, 1878 and died January 12, 1964. They had four children: Joseph Alston, who was born February 8, 1903, married Martha Lucile Duncan on June 9, 1932. They have three children: Joseph Alston Jr., Julian Duncan, and Martha Ann. Joseph Alston, Jr., married Margaret Ellen Hinterkopf. They have two children, Alison Lynne and Brian Alan, and live in Dunwoody, Georgia.

Julian Duncan married Linda Kay Dorsey. They have a daughter, Irene Meredith, and live in Valrico, Florida. Martha Ann married W. Clinton Estes. They have two children: Martha Jane and Steve Clinton, and live in Douglasville, Georgia.

Julian Vedder, second child of Joseph and Winifred, was born December 22, 1906. He married Winnie Belle House on November 27, 1930, and they have



Joseph A. Jones shown in the yard of the Rivertown Home. General merchandise store is in background.

two children, Robert Julian and Jackson Vedder. Robert Julian married Suzanne Winson. They have three children, Doretha Ann, Kimberly Elaine, and Robert Trent, and live in San Antonio, Texas. Jackson Vedder married Linda Kay Sparks. They have two children, Jana Kathleen and Jason Vedder, and they live in Fort Worth, Texas.

Helen Carolyn, third child of Joseph and Winifred, was born August 1, 1912. She married Clyde Ernest Quickel on October 16, 1937. Their one child, Clyde Ernest, Jr., married Geraldine Elizabeth Bowie, and they live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Willie Louise, fourth child of Joseph and Winifred was born April 7, 1914. She married Carl Bates Crouch September 17, 1941. They reside in the Rico community.

Submitted by Willie Jones Crouch

Thomas Luther (Skillet) Jones Family

Luther Jones was born November 20, 1903, in Coweta County, son of the late Thomas Asbury Jones and Addie Farr Jones. He attended school in Fayette County. On August 17, 1924, at Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Fayette County he married Eunice Moore,

daughter of George Moore and Gertrude Winkles Moore. They were blessed with four children: Agnes, born March 11, 1926; Elizabeth, born June 23, 1928; Thomas, born September 2, 1933; and a deceased daughter, born November 23, 1935.

In 1929 they moved to Palmetto from Coweta County and Luther went to work for Palmetto Cotton Mill. Soon after the closing of the mill, he worked for Frank Smith Hardware until he became ill and died May 5, 1965. Eunice was a seamstress for the neighbors until in 1937 she went to work for Palmetto Cotton Mill. She worked for Newnan Mills, Inc., in Newnan, Georgia, for several years. In 1967 she went to work for Movie Star, Inc., located where Palmetto Cotton Mill had been, and remained there until she retired. She now lives at 208 Cranford Street, Palmetto, and is a member of Palmetto Baptist Church. The children all married and blessed Luther and Eunice with nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Submitted by Libby Hines



Eunice Moore Jones and Luther Jones—married August 17, 1924.

Charlie D. Kearns Family

Charlie D. Kearns was born in North Carolina in 1877. Near the turn of the century he came to Georgia, where in 1902 he met and married Emily Fulvie Phillips, born 1885 in Goodes community, the daughter of Leonard A. and Emma Gullatt Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Kearns had nine children. Leonard died at eight years; the others lived to adulthood.

The Kearns family lived their entire married life in the Goodes community, where Mr. Kearns was a farmer. They were all active in the Sardis Baptist Church, all being members there in time. Mr. Kearns served as church clerk and was an ordained deacon there. Two of his sons, Ralph and Fred, were also ordained there. Mr. Kearns served on the Board of Trustees of the Goodes School.

David Stith, their fourth child, was born when they were residing where the Stevie Hearn home is now. David and Emma Stith Jackson were living where the Harold Huffmasters live now. Mrs. Jackson named him, requesting that he be called Stith, her maiden name. He is proud to have the name of those loved and well known citizens, but wishes he had been called David, since people have so much trouble pronouncing Stith. He receives mail addressed Stretch, Stitch, Stietch and Stiff.

Three daughters, Mrs. Fred Turner (Emma), Mrs. H. B. Thompson (Louise) and Mrs. Fred Davidson

(Mary), as well as several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, are still active members of Sardis Baptist Church. The youngest daughter, Margaret (Mrs. Ralph Milam, Jr.) lives in Valdosta, Georgia. The youngest son, Ray, resides in Fairburn, Georgia.

Charlie Kearns died in 1930, being only fifty-two years of age. Emily Kearns died in 1944 at the age of fifty-nine. They were both laid to rest in the church cemetery at Sardis, along with many of her family.

Submitted by Mrs. Clarice Kearns



Charlie Duckery Kearns Family. Charlie is holding Emma Bonita. Emily is holding Louise.

Charles W. Kearns Family

Charles W. Kearns was born August 18, 1930, in Cobb County, near the present location of Six Flags Over Georgia. He completed a tour of duty in the Army on January 1, 1953, most of which time was spent in Germany. Upon discharge from the Army, he worked at the sawmill with his father and two brothers, where he had worked prior to entering the Army. Leaving the sawmill in May, 1953, Charles began em-

ployment with Delta Air Lines, where he has remained since that time.

The year 1953 saw a big step in his life, for it was on July 18, 1953, that he married the former Sara Peek of Palmetto. They were married at Sardis Church by the Reverend Forrest C. Garrard. Returning from their honeymoon, they lived for a short time in Fairburn, in the upstairs apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Jones.

Sally, as she was later called by most, went to work for Swift and Company, where she remained until 1959. It was that year that their first child was born, a girl, whom they named Melanie. During this time, Charles and Sally lived in East Point, Georgia, moving there from Fairburn in 1954. Their second child, Dwayne, was born in East Point on January 13, 1963.

In 1964, Sally went to work again, this time with the Ford Motor Company, where she has remained until this time. In 1976 they moved three miles south of Palmetto, in North Coweta County.

Submitted by Charles Kearns

Johnston-Kearns Family

On December 21, 1940, David Stith Kearns and Clarice Mildred Johnston were married. They lived with her parents on Menefee Street until they all bought the T. R. Keith home in 1944. They lived there until they built a new home on Bradley Drive in 1966. Billy Wingo resides in the Keith home now.

As stated, Homer Johnston always loved and supported his family's church. He was very happy when he bought a cemetery plot in Floral Hill Cemetery. Homer Shell was Clerk of Palmetto when the purchase was made. Homer said that he wanted to be laid to rest near and among his friends of Palmetto. This wish was granted him on October 4, 1961, after a funeral service from Palmetto Baptist Church with "his two preachers," the Reverend "Bud" Jones, of Primitive Baptist Church, and the Reverend Herman Howell officiating. Lela Johnston was laid there too on October 19, 1971, with the Reverend Bill Boggs officiating at Palmetto Baptist Church. When God in His time calls, Clarice and Stith will be laid to rest at their feet.

Stith was a farmer, sawmiller, and an employee of Southern Natural Gas Company (living in Macon, Georgia, for a time). Also, he worked for a short time for Alford Stores. Then he worked for Georgia Highway Express from 1942 to 1946, and Motor Service from 1946 to 1948. He then worked in the sawmill business with his brothers, Ralph and Fred. He returned to Georgia Highway Express in March 1952, from which he retired in August, 1972.

Fred Kearns, Sr., Family

Charles Fred Kearns was born to Charles Duckery Kearns and Emily Fulvie Phillips Kearns on October 23, 1915. He had four brothers and four sisters. All but two brothers are still living. Fred's family lived in the Goodes community out Hutcheson Ferry Road. Fred attended school at Goodes Elementary and helped on his Dad's farm.

Margaret Varner Turner was born to George Hampton Turner and Mamie Irene Varner Turner on February 6, 1916. She had two older sisters, Francis and Lillian. Both are still living. Margaret grew up on a farm on the Rosco-Redwine community near Rico. She attended school at Rico Elementary and graduated from Campbell High of Fairburn in 1934.



Mrs. Charles (Sally) Kearns, shown receiving congratulations for being selected to receive the Ford Division fourth annual Achievement Award. Left to right: John Naughton, Ford vice president and division general manager, Sally, and her husband Charles Kearns in 1971.

Stith and Clarice have been members of Palmetto Baptist Church since 1944. Mrs. Johnston had moved her letter there quite sometime before. Clarice's brother, J. H., had joined there in 1934 and was baptized in Mrs. Brittain's pool in her front yard. Gordon united at Ramah; Harold in Jacksonville, Florida. (All are Baptist). Many of Stith's family are members or have been members of Palmetto Baptist Church. Stith was ordained as deacon there around 1950.

Clarice and Stith have no children, but love and have loved many. She taught school thirty-nine years: four years at Goodes and then the rest at Charles E. Riley in Palmetto, where she retired in 1967. She graduated from Palmetto High School in 1928 and received her B.S. degree in Education from Oglethorpe University.

Submitted by Mrs. Clarice Johnston Kearns



David Stith and Clarice Johnston Kearns on their wedding day, December 21, 1940

In November of 1936 Fred and Margaret were married and lived in Atlanta. In 1938 their first son, Charles Fred, Jr., was born. At this time Fred was working with the Georgia Power Company. Later the family moved back to Palmetto. In December of 1944 a second son, Douglas Wayne, was born.

In 1945 Fred was drafted into the Army and was stationed in Japan. During this time Margaret and her sons lived with her parents until Fred was discharged in 1946. He returned to Palmetto and went into the sawmill business with his brother, Ralph. After five years they sold the business, and in 1952 Fred went to work as an electrician for the city of Palmetto.

In 1951 the family moved into a newly built home on Hutcheson Ferry Road near Palmetto. Fred and Margaret still live there today.

The Kearns family were members of Sardis Baptist Church, but later moved their letters to Palmetto Baptist Church, where they became very active members.

In 1957 Fred became employed with the United States Government as an electrician at Fort McPherson. He plans to retire from this job in 1980.

In 1965 Fred, Jr., married Suellen Landrum. They have three children: Mike, Mitzi and Terry. In 1969 Douglas married Judy Ledbetter. They have two sons, Traves and Cameron.

Fred and Margaret enjoy gardening, visiting with their grandchildren and traveling in their van. They also like to tour other parts of the United States via Delta Air Lines.

Submitted by Margaret Kearns

Fred Kearns, Jr., Family

Charles Fred Kearns, Jr. (Freddie) was born October 16, 1938, to Charles Fred Kearns and Margaret Varner Turner Kearns. He has one brother, Douglas, who was born in 1944. Growing up in the Palmetto area, Fred, Jr., attended Riley School and graduated from Campbell High of Fairburn in 1957. After high school Fred, Jr., had several jobs and was employed with Crown, Cork, and Seal Company, when he was drafted into the army in 1962. He trained as a paratrooper and was stationed in Germany. After his discharge in October of 1964, he continued working at Crown Company.

Lillia Suellen Landrum was born August 29, 1941, to Claud England Landrum (deceased in 1953), a teacher from Fairburn, and Lillia Anna Williams Landrum of Snellville, Georgia, now living in Red Oak. She was the youngest of five children: Betty, the oldest, Claud, Jr., Mac, and Joe. Suellen's only "homeplace" was on Sullivan Road in College Park. She attended school in Red Oak, College Park, and Fairburn, graduating from Campbell High of Fairburn in 1959. She attended West Georgia College and was graduated from the University of Georgia in June of 1963. She taught physical education at Campbell of Fairburn and coached girl's B-Team basketball for three years.

In April of 1965 Fred, Jr., and Suellen were married and lived in College Park. Michael Charles, a son, was born in March of 1966. In May of 1967 the family

moved to Johnston Avenue in Palmetto. During their six years at this address a daughter, Mitzi Marie, (October, 1967), and another son, Terry Joseph (March, 1972), were born.

In 1973 the family built a new house on Hutcheson Ferry Road. It is located on part of the Arthur Eidson Homeplace in the Goodes community. They live there now.

In 1974 Fred, Jr., with a partner, Robert R. Sanders, formed a commercial lawn maintenance business, naming it San-Ker Mowers. They still work this business today.

The Kearns family enjoy sports, and camping, and are active members in the Palmetto Baptist Church, where Fred, Jr., teaches the College and Careers Sunday School Class.

Submitted by Suellen Kearns



Fred, Jr., Suellen, Mike, Mitzi and Terry Kearns pictured in Spring of 1978.

Herman and Jane Kearns

Jane, Stephen, Cheryl and Herman Kearns, taken in 1966.



Herman E. Kearns was born in Douglas County, December 19, 1932, to Ralph S. and Alice Spearman Kearns. He has two brothers, Charles and Jack (Jack was killed in an accident in 1969), and one sister, Helen Kearns Huffmaster.

Jane Thurman Kearns was born in Atlanta, Georgia,

November 11, 1936, to Harry A. and Emma Davidson Thurman. She has two sisters, Thelma Thurman Jackson and Julia Thurman Bonner.

Herman and Jane were married on February 14, 1957. They lived in Fairburn for a short while after their marriage and then bought a home and moved back to Palmetto.

On January 30, 1959, their daughter, Janet Cheryl, was born in Atlanta, and later a son, Stephen Ellis, was born on October 3, 1961.

Herman is employed by Ford Motor Company, Parts Depot, in East Point, where he is a receiving clerk. Jane is employed by Georgia Baptist Children's Home as a secretary and also does part-time secretarial work for her church.

Herman and Jane and their family are members of the Palmetto Baptist Church, and have been since their marriage.

Submitted by Jane Kearns

Jack W. Kearns Family



Jack, Peggy, Karen and Ernie Kearns, taken in 1956.

Jack Wilson Kearns, the second son of Ralph Sherwood and Alice Spearman Kearns, was born August 18, 1931. He married Peggy Best of Clinton, North Carolina, on June 14, 1952. They had two children, Karen K. Barshick of Houston, Texas, and Ernest Sherwood Kearns of College Park, Georgia.

Jack served in the Army during the Korean conflict, and upon his return to Georgia, started an insurance agency, which his wife and son still operate.

He was ordained a deacon at Sardis Baptist Church in 1954, and served also at Lakewood Heights Baptist in Atlanta, and Dogwood Hills Baptist in East Point.

He was a member of the Southside Civitan Club, with which he served a term as President.

His death occurred July 24, 1969, while he was giving his time and labor to improve the grounds of his church.

Submitted by Ernest S. Kearns

Ralph S. Kearns

Ralph S. Kearns was born February 3, 1907, at Goodes, Georgia, west of Palmetto; he lived there for twenty-three years.

On October 20, 1928, he married Alice Spearman. She was born in Coweta County, November 15, 1908, and later her family moved to south Georgia near Camillia.

Ralph was a farmer and sawmiller until 1953, at which time he went to work for Georgia Highway Express as a truck driver. His employment with Georgia Highway Express continued until retirement in 1968. Ralph died December 13, 1976, and at that time was active as a deacon in the Palmetto Baptist Church. Alice still resides in Palmetto, where she is active in WMU, Sunday School and other activities of the church.

They had four children: Charles W. Kearns, born August 18, 1930; Jack W. Kearns, born August 18, 1931, and died July 24, 1969; Herman E. Kearns, born December 19, 1932; and Helen Montez Kearns Huffmaster, born September 1, 1936.

Submitted by Alice S. Kearns



Ralph and Alice Kearns with their children Charles, Jack, Herman and Helen

Ray P. Kearns, Sr., Family

Ray Phillips Kearns was born to Charlie and Emily Phillips Kearns, the youngest of nine children, in 1928, in the Goodes community near Palmetto, Georgia. He has four brothers, Ralph, Stith, Fred and Leonard (Ralph is now deceased and Leonard died in his youth) and four sisters, Emma Turner, Louise Thompson, Mary Davidson and Margaret Milam. All brothers and sisters live in or around Palmetto except Margaret, who lives in Valdosta, Georgia.

Doris Gilbert Kearns was born in Morrow, Georgia, in 1929. She has two sisters, Jerry Ford of Lilburn, Georgia, and Evelyn Dunn of Canton, Georgia, and two brothers, Edward Gilbert of Hapeville, Georgia, and Jimmy Gilbert (now deceased), formerly of McDonough, Georgia.

Doris and Ray were married April 9, 1949, and have lived in Palmetto, Mountain View, Atlanta, and now Fairburn. Ray was employed with the Gaylord Container Division, Crown Zellerbach Corporation, for seventeen years and has served as Vice President of Martin Containers, Inc., for twelve years. He is also a partner. Ray served in the United States Army in 1946 and 1947 with a tour of duty in Japan. Doris has been employed by Sharpe and Dohme, H. G. Hastings Company, Beck and Gregg and Canada Dry, and is now a full time homemaker.

Their son, Ray Phillips, Jr. (Phillip) was born March 14, 1951. He graduated from Campbell High School in

1969. He attended West Georgia College and Southern Technical Institute. Phillip is now married to the former Deborah Swancey of Palmetto, and they have a daughter, Meredith, and a son, Nathan. Phillip was in the Army and served in Viet Nam.

Their daughter, Cynthia Ann, was born June 10, 1956. She is a 1974 graduate of Campbell High School, and has attended Valdosta State College, Clayton Junior College, and Columbia Bible College in Columbia, South Carolina. Cindy is engaged to Ed Waters, of Forest Park, Georgia and is currently employed by Rockwell International.

Doris and Ray are members of the First Baptist Church of Fairburn, where he serves as a deacon and she serves as Co-Director of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Submitted by Ray P. Kearns, Sr.



Ray and Doris

George Alexander Keith Family

George Alexander Keith, son of Jack and Sarah Hall Keith, who was born January 26, 1867 in Montgomery County, North Carolina, came to the Goodes community, four miles west of Palmetto, Georgia in 1890. He lived in the home of his brother, W. O. Keith, who built the house now occupied by Monroe Ferrell.

He taught school in North Carolina and continued this career in Georgia. Later he acquired a business partner, Charlie Jackson. They bought and operated farm land, a cotton gin, and a general merchandise store. They dissolved the partnership in 1911, but George continued in business.

George joined New Hope Methodist Church in 1895 and served as member and officer until his death. A member of Palmetto Masonic Lodge Number 74, he received a fifty-year pin in 1957. He served as a member of the Campbell County Board of Education for thirty-two years.

He married Susan Sidnor Longino, a member of New Hope Church and a teacher in the Goodes area, daughter of Seaborn L. and Margaret (Peggie) Davenport Longino, on January 26, 1909.

Their three children; Nellie M., Charles S., and

William G., united with New Hope Methodist Church at an early age. Nellie, a retired teacher, lives in the house George and Sidnor purchased when they married. Charles, who married Barnelle Barber Hamilton on August 15, 1964, retired from Delta Air Lines and lives in Hapeville, Georgia. William, who married Margaret Reeves, Rico community, on May 9, 1936, retired from Rich's, Inc., and lives in Goodes.

Their son, William G., Jr., lives in Forest Park, Georgia. Their daughter, Margaret Elaine (Peggie), married Dorsey Ronald Earnest. They and their children, Audra Marie and Ryan Alan, live in Goodes.

George died July 10, 1958. Sidnor died October 17, 1971. Both are buried in New Hope United Methodist Church cemetery.

Submitted by Nellie Keith

Photograph of George and Sidnor Keith on their wedding day in 1909.



W.O. KEITH FAMILY



William O. Keith Family. W.O. Keith lived at Goodes, Georgia, in the John Attaway house, now occupied by Monroe Ferrell. He sold his home and business in 1908 and moved to Palmetto to the home now occupied by Chief Wingo and family, on Toombs Street. Left to right: Mrs. W.O. Keith (Sissie), W.O. Keith (Tazie), Jack K. Keith (Tazie's father), W.E. Keith (Bill), Hulet Keith, Ben Head (next door neighbor), Grady Keith, and Tom Keith.

Richard Creig Kelly Family

Richard Creig Kelly was born in Moultrie, Georgia, on February 27, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kelly. His wife, Marilynn, was born March 7, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois, to the Reverend and Mrs. K. G. Parks. They were married on June 8, 1967, in Valdosta, Georgia. Both Creig and Marilynn were graduated from Valdosta State College.

Upon completion of their college degrees, the Kellys moved to Lockhart, Texas, where their only son,

Jeffry David, was born on February 11, 1969.

In January of 1970 Creig enrolled at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was graduated with a Master of Divinity Degree in December of 1972.

The Kellys became a part of Palmetto's History when Reverend Kelly assumed the Pastorate of Ramah Baptist Church on February 19, 1978.

Submitted by Creig Kelly

James W. Kelley Family

James W. Kelley, the father of the Kelley family that migrated into Coweta County, Georgia, immediately after its formation in 1825-26, was born in Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1789 and died in Lafayette County, Mississippi, November 18, 1849. Both of his parents died before he was ten years of age and he was reared by an uncle, Moses Walker, a bachelor, who was his guardian and later his neighbor. James and his sister, Jane, as orphans of William Kelley drew land in the 1807 Georgia Land Lottery in Jones County, Georgia. James married (name of his first wife being unknown) and raised a family of eight children: Nancy M., Martha P., William Harrison, John Wilbourn, Green Wesley, Elizabeth J., Mary M. and Adeline E. Kelley. They lived on a farm bordering the Ocmulgee River in Jones County and partially in Jasper County. The family later moved across the river into Butts County. Between 1828 and 1832 James

purchased about 810 acres in Coweta County in the vicinity of Madras and the family moved there. His wife died about 1840. He later married Harriett and the family then followed the frontier to Lafayette County, Mississippi, where two additional children, Lucy A. and James A., were born. Some of the family then went on into Texas. However, Nancy M., William Harrison, and John Wilbourn remained in Georgia.

John Wilbourn Kelley and his family lived and died in Fayette County, Georgia. A full account of this family is recorded in "History of Fayette County Georgia — 1821-1971" by "Fayette County Historical Society" beginning at page 485.

Histories of Nancy M. Kelley Carlton are available elsewhere in this volume.

Submitted by Roy Harwell

William Harrison Kelley Family

William Harrison Kelley (called Harrison) was born in Jones County, Georgia in 1812. On September 1, 1834, in Pike County, Georgia, he married Nancy Fretwell, who was born in 1811. They came to live in Coweta County. Their children were William, John, James, E. A., Susan, Sophronia, and Sarah.

William Fretwell, born July 20, 1835, married a first cousin, Elizabeth Rebecca Kelley born July 12, 1832. They lived near Brooks in Fayette County, Georgia.

John W. born March 11, 1836, married Jane Byram on November 22, 1860. He died September 12, 1907, and is buried in the Palmetto Cemetery.

James W., born March 11, 1836, married Martha A. Wise born in August of 1844, and lived in Hancock County, Georgia.

Susan A., born in 1842, probably married C. J. Davenport in Coweta County in 1861.

Sophronia A., born August 16, 1845, married John Robert Stamps on December 19, 1866. Robert Stamps, born December 9, 1841, was a Confederate Veteran who lost a leg in the fighting at Monocary, Maryland. They lived on a farm near Madras, and he died October 25, 1915.

Sarah J., born in 1855, married Jacob Hearn, and

they lived on a farm in Coweta County just below Palmetto.

Harrison Kelley's first wife, Nancy Fretwell, died about 1855. He then married Mrs. Joseph Allen Eason June 13, 1858. Her maiden name was Sarah Caroline Stamps and she was born in 1834, the daughter of Moses Witt Stamps, Jr. and his wife Sarah Freeman. They had nine children: Charles, Edgar, Oscar, Kendrick, Beulah, Joseph, Alfred, and Ethel.

All of the Kelley children lived in or in the vicinity of Atlanta except Oscar Lee. He was a Methodist minister and served several pastorates in cities throughout Georgia, his last being at Waleska, Georgia, in Cherokee County. Charles, Edgar, Kendrick, and Alfred owned and operated Kelley Brothers Company, wholesale grocers in Atlanta for many years. Charles served several terms as an alderman on the Atlanta City Council. On one occasion he was a candidate for mayor of Atlanta, but withdrew and gave his support to Asa G. Candler because of an emergency political situation that developed at that time.

Submitted by Roy Harwell

Monicue Boynton King

Monicue Boynton, daughter of John T. Boynton, Sr., and Julia P. Boynton, was born August 16, 1924. She attended Charles E. Riley School from 1932 to 1939. In 1970 she completed the G.E.D. Test and received her high school diploma. She has resided in Palmetto, Georgia for fifty-five years. She was a member of Ramah Baptist Church and taught an adult Sunday School class for about fifteen years. She also worked in Bible School and was a W.M.U. Prayer Chairman.

She is presently employed by the Fulton County Board of Education at the Charles E. Riley School, where she has worked since 1969. On November 25, 1944, she was married to Paul P. (Shine) Russell. They have two daughters. Sally Quick, the elder daughter is married to Samuel J. Quick, Sr., of Senoia, Georgia. They have one son, Samuel J. Quick, Jr., and presently reside in Fairburn, Georgia. The younger daughter, Lounell Bernhard, is married to Malcolm E. Bernhard, of Fayetteville, Georgia. They reside in Jonesboro, Georgia.

Her husband (Shine) was employed by the Gentry Saw Mill, Thompson Brothers, the Palmetto Cotton Mill, and Mullins Brothers Construction Com-

pany. He was employed by Mullins Brothers Construction Company for fifteen years, until he was admitted to Coweta General Hospital, where he died of Multiple Myeloma on November 7, 1972. He was buried at Holly Hill Memorial Cemetery at Fairburn, Georgia. He was also a member of Ramah Baptist Church.

On November 13, 1973, Monicue was married to John F. King from Austell, Georgia. They are members of the Union City Baptist Church. Her husband is employed at the Brown Steel Company, in Newnan, Georgia. He has one son, Wendell King, who is a Baptist Minister. He and his wife Cathy have three children: Wendy, John Paul, and Jessie Lee. They reside in Marietta, Georgia.

Submitted by Monicue King

Paul and Monicue Russell are shown with their children, Sally and Nell.



Dudley James Lambert, Jr. Family

Dudley James Lambert, Jr., was born to Dudley James and Mattie Latimer Lambert on December 14, 1917, in Fairburn, Georgia. He has two brothers, Dan-

iel S. and James S., of College Park, and one sister, Elizabeth Raines, of Orlando, Florida. He graduated from Campbell High and Draughon's School of Com-

merce, and was drafted into military service in 1941, serving until December, 1945. He was employed by McCrary Engineering Company until 1952, when he went with Georgia Department of Transportation. He is a member of Palmetto Lodge No. 74.

Jacqueline Cook Lambert was born to John Franklin and Vera Hayes Cook on September 2, 1923, in Madras, Georgia. She has two sisters, LaTrelle Jackson, of Palmetto, and Amma Park of Newnan. A graduate of Newnan High, West Georgia College, and Marsh Business College, she was employed by Firestone Tire and Rubber Company and Starr Lumber Company in Atlanta prior to her marriage, and by the City of Palmetto from 1956-1973.

Dudley and Jacqueline were married on May 16, 1946, in Palmetto and lived in Atlanta until 1947, when they moved to Fairburn. In 1948, they moved to Palmetto. They are members of Palmetto Methodist

Church.

They have two sons: Dudley James III, born January 28, 1948, and Franklin Cook, born August 13, 1951.

Dudley III graduated from Campbell High and the University of Georgia, served eighteen months in military service, and is a pharmacist with Eckerd Drugs in Union City, Georgia. He married Guywndolyn Gleaves on June 5, 1976. They reside in Fairburn with their sons, Dudley James IV (Jay), born April 23, 1977, and Wesley Gleaves, born April 10, 1979.

Frank graduated from Campbell High and Georgia Institute of Technology, and is an electrical engineer with Georgia Power Company. He married Karen Grubbs on May 24, 1974. They reside in Madras with their children, Sarah Elizabeth, born May 25, 1977, and John Franklin, born December 27, 1978.

Submitted by Mrs. Jacqueline Lambert

Dudley James Lambert III Family

Dudley James Lambert, III, was born to Dudley James and Jacqueline Cook Lambert on January 28, 1948, in Newnan, Georgia. He has one brother, Franklin Cook of Madras, Georgia. He graduated from Campbell High in 1966 and entered the University of Georgia. After taking time out for an eighteen-month tour of duty with the U. S. Army in San Francisco, he graduated from the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy in 1973 and began work with Eckerd Drugs in Newnan, Georgia.

Guywndolyn Gleaves Lambert was born to John Thaxton and Frances Caldwell Gleaves on September 27, 1952, in Nashville, Tennessee. She has one brother, John T. Gleaves, Jr., and a sister, Frances Gail Gleaves, both of Donelson, Tennessee. She graduated from high school in 1970 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and from Ball State University in 1974 in Muncie, Indi-

ana, with a degree in Business Education.

They met while she was teaching school at Central High in Newnan and were married in the Palmetto Methodist Church on June 5, 1976. In October of that year, they moved to Fairburn when he transferred to Eckerd Drugs in Union City, where he now works.

On April 23, 1977, their first son, Dudley James IV (Jay) was born in Newnan. After his birth, Guywn went back to school and earned a Masters Degree in Education from West Georgia College in 1978. A second son, Wesley Gleaves, was born April 10, 1979.

They presently reside in Fairburn, where they are members of the Fairburn Methodist Church. Guywn is currently treasurer of the Fairburn-Palmetto Jr. Woman's Club.

Submitted by Dudley James Lambert, III

Franklin Cook Lambert Family

Franklin Cook Lambert was born to Dudley James, Jr., and Jacqueline Cook Lambert on August 13, 1951, in Newnan, Georgia. He has one brother, Dudley James Lambert III of Fairburn. He graduated from Campbell High School in 1969 and entered the Georgia Institute of Technology in September, 1969. He received his Bachelor of Electrical Engineering degree in June, 1973, and began work with Georgia Power Company as a Junior Engineer. He re-entered Georgia Tech in September, 1973, and received his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree in June, 1976. He is now Engineering Supervisor of the Atlanta Division Network Underground Department and is

a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Georgia. He is a member of the Palmetto Volunteer Fire Department and enjoys deer hunting as a hobby.

Karen Louise Grubbs Lambert was born to Taska Theodore and Margaret Barge Grubbs on April 22, 1954, in Newnan, Georgia. She has three sisters; Beverley Johnston and Sara Bentley of Palmetto, and Linda Almond of Alpharetta, and one brother, David Grubbs, of Palmetto. She graduated from Campbell High School in 1972 and attended the Georgia Baptist Hospital School of Nursing and Clayton Junior College. She enjoys music, needlework, and making dough Christmas ornaments.

Frank and Karen were married at the Palmetto Baptist Church on May 24, 1974, and lived in Palmetto until 1975. They now reside in Madras, Georgia. They are both active members of Palmetto Baptist Church, where he teaches Sunday School and both

are members of the Adult Choir.

They have two children, Sarah Elizabeth, born May 25, 1977, and John Franklin, born December 27, 1978.

Submitted by Karen Lambert

John Alford Landers Family

John Alford Landers was born into a Baptist family in Cobb County in 1879. He married in 1901 Mary Doran, who was born in Coweta County in 1881 into a Methodist family. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Reverend R. C. Rhodes. The Landers purchased a farm on Hutcheson Ferry Road in 1928 and operated a dairy until his death in 1956. Mary died in 1959.

Born in Coweta County were the Landers' seven children: Eula, Plyman, Edna, Willie C., John A., Howard M. and Lawrence O.

Eula, born in 1902, taught school in Fulton County for forty years. A graduate of Oglethorpe University with A.B. and M.A. degrees, she was a lawyer and a member of Delta Kappa Gamma. She is a Methodist. In 1922 she married Loy W. Milam, a lawyer and Solicitor General of Fulton County for twenty years. Also a Mason, Shriner, and farmer, he died in 1975.

Plyman, born in 1904, married Lena Barronton. He worked for Pure Oil Company, forty years before retiring. A member at Ramah and a Mason, he died in 1976.

Edna, who was born in 1906 and died in 1977, attended Milledgeville State College and then taught school. She married Roy Barnes, who was owner-operator of a grocery store in Rico. He was a Baptist and a Mason.

Willie C., born in 1909, served in the Navy during World War II. He was owner-operator of a barber shop and of Landers Dry Goods Store and was a Baptist and a Mason. He married Sarah Atchinson. Willie C. died in 1964.

John A., born in 1912, is a Baptist, a Mason, and was General Superintendent for Water and Lights in Newnan. When he retired in 1977, after thirty-five years of service, the Mayor declared "John Landers Day" as a legacy of dedicated service. He married Mae Reeves.

Howard M. (1915-1919) died in infancy.

Lawrence O., who was born in 1919, served in World War II. He married Virginia Knebs, of Farmersville, Ohio. They were owners and operators of a cafe in Farmersville until her death in 1972. Lawrence is a Mason.

Submitted by Eula Milam



John Alfred Landers family photographed in 1907. They are left to right, Mary Landers, Eula L. Milam, Plyman Landers, Edna L. Barnes, J. A. Landers, and Mrs. Frances White Doran, Grandmother.

John Alfred Landers, Jr., Family

Mae and John Landers photographed after John's baptismal service in the summer of 1940.



John Alfred, son of Alf and Mary Landers, of Palmetto, and Annie Mae, daughter of Gordon and Doll Reeves, after a ten year courtship, were married February 15, 1939, at the Reverend F. M. Dodd's house in Palmetto. At the time of their marriage John operated a store about three miles south of Palmetto on U. S. Highway 29. After spending their honeymoon in the small apartment over the store, they lived there until 1942. At that time they moved to Newnan, where John began his career with the Newnan Lights and Waterworks Department.

Before Mae's marriage she worked at the Palmetto Cotton Mill. Living next door to Mae as a child, Berta

Bradley and her brother Tom adored her. Berta received many a spanking for slipping away from home to get some of Mae's "mayonnaise and loaf bread." She also adored "Mister Johnny," and thought that it was terrible when Aunt Doll would not let her go "in the Parlor" when he came courting Mae. John and Mae are a very devoted, loving couple. Their love extending to and being reflected through their warm-hearted generosity to family, neighbors and friends. Being former members of Ramah Church in Palmetto, where Mae taught Sunday School Class of children, they now attend the First Baptist Church in Newnan.

They have one son, John Gordon, born November 1, 1944. He married Elaine Lazenby of Newnan. They have been blessed with three lovely daughters: Angie, Cathy, and Mitchie.

John retired in 1977 as Superintendent of the Newnan Lights and Waterworks Department. His hobby, working with a garden, keeps him busy, and Mae cans and freezes enough to feed an army.

(Also see John Alfred Landers, Sr., and John Gordon Reeves)

Submitted with love by Berta Richardson Bradley,
Mae's cousin.

W. C. (Bill) Landers Family

Bill Landers, born May 22, 1909, was one of six children born to Mary and Alf Landers, originally from Coweta County. He was married to Sara Atchison and they had one son, Billy. Billy, who is employed by the railroads, married Joyce Jackson in 1951 and they have two sons, Doug and Ricky, also employed by the railroads. Doug married Kathy Forsyth in 1977, and Ricky and Wanda Boze are now making wedding plans.

Bill served approximately two years in the Navy during World War II. After a medical discharge, he was a barber in Fairburn. Later he owned and operated W. C. Landers Barber Shop on Main Street in Palmetto. Mr. Asbury Winkles, now deceased, was a faithful co-worker in his shop. Bill kept busy with his work until a heart attack claimed his life in 1964. He was fifty-five years old. Many persons can remember having hair-cuts by "Mr. Bill."

W.C. (Bill) Landers and wife Sara



Submitted by Mrs. Billy Landers

Charles Jimmy Langford (Lankford) Family

Jimmy is the youngest son of Ruben and Ethel Lankford. He was born in Hogansville, Georgia, on February 11, 1941.

On May 17, 1963, he married Jacqueline Ann Simpson, youngest daughter of Travis and Willie Simpson. Jackie was born in Newnan Hospital on October 1, 1944.

In October, 1963, they moved into the house they had built at 525 Toombs Street. In February, 1979, they built a new house at 503 Mixon Avenue, where they now reside.

Jimmy served two years in the army, from July, 1966, to July, 1968. Jackie accompanied him while he was stationed on Okinawa. She was employed by the Department of The Air Force at Kubasaki High School.

Jimmy has been employed by Delta Air Lines since 1959. Jackie has been employed by the Fulton County School System since 1977.

They have two daughters: Jill Darlene, born December 22, 1969; and Jolyn Denise, born August 18, 1973.

Because of an error in Jimmy's birth certificate, an error which was never corrected, all of his legal papers are listed in the last name of Langford, while other family members use the last name of Lankford.

Submitted by Jackie Langford

Jimmy Langford Family



Benjamin Franklin Langley Family

Benjamin Franklin Langley, born to James Kenyon Langley and Emily Catherine Gaddy Langley on July 12, 1900, in Rico Community of old Campbell County, was a farmer and carpenter. He was a member and was ordained a deacon of Providence (Piney Woods) Baptist Church.

On November 14, 1920, he was married to Lillie Pearl Peek, of Palmetto. She was the daughter of Joseph Robinson Peek and Josephine Richards Peek and was born September 18, 1899, in the Goodes community.

The children of Benjamin and Pearl are: Emily, Charlton, Beulah Jeanette, Omelia, Alphelia, and Marian.

Emily Josephing Langley, born August 30, 1921, was married to Jackson Hensley Creel on August 30, 1941. They have one son, William Jackson Creel. He is married to Carol Roberta Barnes, and they have three children, Christopher William, Amy Jo, and Jennifer Ruth.

Charlton Langley, born July 30, 1923, was married to Llewella Mae Halliday on November 6, 1946. They have three daughters: Connie Marie Langley, who is married to Joseph New and has two sons, Joseph Clark and James Reed; Sharon Lee Langley, who is married to Chester Eugene Ingram and has one daughter, Brandy; Belinda Anne Langley, who is married to Rhett Mullinax and has two sons, Jeremy Queen and Elias Aaron.

Beulah Jeanette Langley, born August 22, 1925, was married to Lewis Carl Dodd on October 15, 1949. They have two daughters, Carla Jean and Julie Lee. Omelia Langley (twin) was born November 1, 1927, and died March 27, 1930. Ophelia Langley (twin), born November 1, 1927, was married to James Thomas Kincaid on May 19, 1951. They have one son, Alan Thomas. Marian Langley, born August 16, 1937, was married to Saylor James Fultz on July 30, 1960. They have three children: David James, Jeffrey Franklin and Debra Jo. Benjamin Franklin Langley died on August 19, 1975. He was at home in Fairburn, where he had lived since July 3, 1948.

Submitted by Mrs. B. F. Langley



Benjamin Franklin and Lillie Pearl Langley

Cleveland Henry Langley Family

Cleveland Henry Langley, son of James Kenyon Langley, was born on June 20, 1890. After an eventfully romantic courtship, he married the lovely Carrie Lou McMillan on April 19, 1914. Cleveland Henry continued his career as a successful farmer and one of the strongest blacksmiths in the county. He was also a syrupmaker. Inspired perhaps by his new bride, he produced over 2700 gallons of sorghum molasses. While Carrie Lou was settling into the role of homemaker, the first of their children, James Charles, was born. He was followed by Nora Lillian, Roy Howard, Julian Harris, Wayne Hilton, Sr., and Betty Jane.

The depression years brought hardships on everyone including the Langley family. The family suffered most when Cleveland was away from home in Meriwether County. He worked as a guard and a blacksmith in the Public Works Camp there in Meriwether County and sent what little money he made home to the family. Carrie Lou recalls that times were bad, but that she and the children sat at home with their cow and garden and made out with what they had. During this trying period, Grandmoth-

er Langley recalls being asked how she was able to get her six children to Sunday School bright and early Sunday with clean clothes and clean faces. "Well," she replied, "I start on Monday morning getting ready for the next Sunday."

When World War II began, three of his four sons went to war. All of them returned home safely. By this time, all six children were married, and during the ensuing years, expanded the family with ten

Cleve and Carrie with twin grandchildren.



grandchildren. After twenty-two years with the Public Works Camp, Cleve retired as a Peace officer for ten years. On April 19, 1964, Cleve and Carrie Lou were honored by the citizens of Palmetto on their golden wedding anniversary at an event attended by many of the leading citizens of the town.

On April 13, 1965, Cleve Langley died, but today he is remembered fondly by his children and grandchildren. Residing in Palmetto, Grandmother Langley is the proud grandmother of eleven great-grandchildren.

Submitted by Carl W. Langley and Suzanne White

James Kenyon Langley Family

James Kenyon Langley, son of an Englishman, settled in the rural area of Palmetto and married Emily Katherine Gaddy on November 25, 1886. They were blessed with eight children: Vassie Langley Brown, William Thomas Langley, Cleveland Henry Langley, Beulah Langley Barnes, Mary Ruth Langley Smith, James LeRoy Langley, and Benjamin Franklin Langley. After the death of Emily Katherine Langley in 1902, James Kenyon married Sarah Arilla, Emily's younger sister. Sarah Arilla gave birth to four more Langley children: Robert Tatum Langley, Lois Katherine Langley Fitts, Francis Elizabeth Langley Powell, and Carolyn Estella (Calley) Langley Stovall.

James Kenyon was known for many accomplishments in his lifetime, notably as a deacon in the church and as a community leader, but his strongest achievement was the sense of family devotion he instilled in his children down through the generations. Today, even with over four hundred descendents, the

James Kenyon Langley family gathers together annually on the fourth Sunday of July at the Palmetto Center to renew family bonds.

Submitted by Carl W. Langley and Suzanne White



Cleve and Carrie Lou Langley's children photographed in 1925. They are standing, James Charles, Nora Lillian, Roy Howard. Seated, Julian Harris, Betty Jane, and Wayne Hilton, Sr. Langley.

Langston Family

John Langston was born in 1710 and died in 1790. His wife was Agnes Maughan. John is identified in the 1775-1776 will-deed records of Granville, North Carolina. He and his family, active in the Revolution, are mentioned in the D.A.R. PATRIOT INDEX, where he is listed as a soldier in South Carolina and in the Stub Indents in South Carolina.

It is not known if the next in line was John 3rd or Jechonias Langston, but it is known that his son, John's grandson, was Asa, born about 1774, probably in South Carolina. Asa married Rhoda Hill in 1794-1795 in Laurens, South Carolina. She was born about 1775, probably in South Carolina.

Asa and his family probably moved to Franklin County, Georgia, in 1819. John, son of Asa and Rhoda, was born September 14, 1806, in South Carolina. He married Sophia Shannon in 1829 and moved to Campbell County in 1849. They had four sons and six daughters. Two of the daughters married Dailey brothers, and the other four (Angelina, Salina, Margaret and Frances [Fanny]) never married but lived in Goodes and later in Palmetto. They are buried in Floral Hill Cemetery.

The 1880 census lists Fanny as a school teacher and

the others as dressmakers. In the early 1900's Fanny opened in Palmetto a millinery shop which she and Salina operated while the others took care of the house and garden. They lived in a small cottage on the street that is now Cobb. The house, repaired and modernized, appears to be well cared for.

Research of the early Langstons, done by James Polk Langston (deceased), is filed in the Georgia Archives.

Submitted by Martha Dailey Parr
(Mrs. Charles H. Parr)



Frances (Fanny) Langston

Ruben Lankford Family

Ruben, the son of William and Maggie Lankford, was born April 10, 1906. He died September 26, 1960.

On March 4, 1932, he married Ethel Susie Brown. She was born July 4, 1912. She is the daughter of Charlie and Annie May Brown.

They had three children: Margie Marie, born June 30, 1934; Raymond William (Billy), born August 30, 1936; and Charles Jimmy, born February 11, 1941.

The Lankfords moved from Hogansville, Georgia, to Palmetto (Goodes) in 1944. In 1952 Ethel and Ruben purchased land and built a house in Palmetto at 527 Toombs Street, where Ethel and Margie now live.

Billy married Mary Evelyn Cole on July 28, 1962. They live in Carrollton, Georgia.

Margie is now employed with Fulton County; and Ethel is retired.



Ruben and Ethel Lankford

Submitted by Margie Lankford

Lassetter Family

Joseph Benjamin Lassetter was born September 1, 1880, in Douglas County, Georgia, the fifth son of William Jackson and Nancy Holland Lassetter.

Joseph married Hattie Carter of Carroll County. They lived in Douglas County during their early years of marriage and farmed his father's land there. In 1918 they settled in old Campbell County.

They lived in Palmetto and continued farming on the Frank Steed farm on Hutcheson Ferry Road until he had an accident which caused the loss of a leg. Joseph died August 26, 1928, at the age of forty-eight. His wife, Hattie, died October 31, 1960.

They were members of Ramah Baptist Church. He was a deacon and a Mason of Lodge No. 74 in Palmetto. Hattie was also a very active member of the church and taught Sunday School classes for many years.

Their children are Benjamin Ray, Palmetto, Georgia; Lillian Hollis and James William, Phenix City, Alabama; and Oscar Rainey, of Moultrie, Georgia.



This picture was made on Joseph and Hattie Carter Lassetter's wedding day.

Submitted by Carole Harper

Kenneth Ray and Marian Hammett Lassetter

Kenneth Ray Lassetter was born October 2, 1934, at Palmetto, Georgia, to Benjamin Ray and Mary Jo Rodgers Lassetter. He has a sister, Carole Ann Lassetter Harper. He was married on January 7, 1955, to Ellen Marian Hammett, born August 16, 1937, in Coweta County, Georgia, to Marion Euel and Doris Baxley Hammett. To Kenneth and Marian Lassetter were born two daughters: Catherine Anne Lassetter, born

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lassetter are shown with their daughters, Lynne and Cathy, in 1974.



March 19, 1958, at Newnan Hospital, Newnan, Georgia, and Susan Lynne Lassetter, born October 30, 1962, at Piedmont Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.

Kenneth served in the United States Army from February, 1957, to February, 1959. He has been em-

ployed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company since September, 1956. He and his family reside at 617 Main Street in Palmetto.

Submitted by Marian Lassetter

Benjamin Ray Lassetter

Benjamin Ray Lassetter was born in Douglas County, Georgia, on August 30, 1908, the son of Joseph Benjamin and Hattie Carter Lassetter. He married Mary Jo Rodgers (born October 6, 1912) of Palmetto, Georgia, April 15, 1933.



Ray and Mary Jo Lassetter are shown with their children, Carole and Kenneth.

Ray and Mary Jo worked in the Palmetto Cotton Mill most of their adult life. He was Card Room Foreman for many years and graded and weighed all the cotton that was bought for the mill. Mary Jo began working in the mill at age fifteen for her father, Irb Rodgers, in the weave shop.

Mary Jo graduated with honors from Palmetto High School in 1931. She gave a speech that night titled "The Place of Modern Languages in High School."

Ray also attended Palmetto High School and is a very active Mason and Past Master of Palmetto Lodge No. 74. He is also a member of the Eastern Star and was a Scoutmaster. They are both members of Ramah Baptist Church.

Their two children, Kenneth Ray and Carole Ann, are both living in Palmetto. Kenneth is married to Marian Hammett of Sharpsburg. They have two daughters, Cathy and Lynne.

Carole is married to Woodie Harper. They have one son, Thomas W., and one daughter, Lisa Anne, who is also married to a Harper, Jeffery L. Harper.

Submitted by Carole Harper

W. Rex and Barbara R. Laster

Rex Laster was born in Fayette County, Georgia, on May 29, 1937. His parents were Will H. Laster and Jewell Davis Laster. He was the only son, having seven sisters. They were farming people in Tyrone, Georgia. Rex moved to Palmetto in 1956, where he lived with one of his sisters. He was then employed at Lockheed Corporation. He met and married Barbara Rodgers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rodgers of Palmetto. Rex and Barbara moved to Washington, D. C., where he worked at Andrews Air Force Base.

They lived there for three months before returning to Palmetto to live. Rex was employed at Eastern Airlines for six years, before going into business for himself for five years. He went to work for West Georgia Equipment Company in 1971. He is presently employed there as Service Manager. Rex and Barbara have three children: Joel, Michael and Janet. Rex and his family reside at 510 Johnston Avenue, Palmetto.

Submitted by Mrs. Barbara Laster

H. Lavon Ledbetter, Sr. Family

H. Lavon Ledbetter was born to Homer L., Sr., and Beulah (Oliver) Ledbetter, July 13, 1928. Lavon has three brothers, Homer L., Jr., Willis Terrell, and Crawford Ray; two sisters, Florene Mildred, Gloria

Marion; two half sisters, Leanna Jane, and Phylis Sue; one half brother, Leo Ervin. Agnes Lemerle Brown was born to Joe Curtis and Viola (Whitehead) Brown, June 14, 1931. Agnes has six brothers and three sisters.

Lavon and Agnes were married December 11, 1948, and moved to Palmetto in January, 1949. They lived a short time in the home with Mr. and Mrs. Nealy Adams; and later moved to the Old St. Elmo Hotel. They lived there for over seven years, and then bought the little block house on the hill in front of the Palmetto ball park. They lived there for over six years. They then built a home at 504 Hutcheson Ferry Road and have lived there since 1962.

They have four children: Judith R., H. Lavon, Jr., Linda Dianne, and Curtis Wayne. Judy, born October 3, 1949, was married April 5, 1969, to Douglas Wayne Kearns, born December 18, 1944. They have two sons; Travis Scott, born November 23, 1971, and Cameron Daniel, born May 27, 1975.

H. Lavon, Jr., was born December 16, 1951, and married Amanda Sue Barksdale, who was born February 15, 1952. They have two daughters; Katrina Dee, born August 21, 1970, and Milissa Ellen, born March 15, 1975.

Linda Dianne Ledbetter, single, was born August 7, 1952.

Curtis Wayne, born February 11, 1957, was married on July 22, 1978, to Jill Striplin, born July 12, 1958. Wayne has one son, Matthew Lee, born October 10, 1975.

Lavon, Sr., had his own company, and in 1972 was joined by his oldest son, Lavon, Jr., in a partnership. They did the masonry work on the addition to Bradley's Thriftown Store and First Fulton Bank and

Lavon and Agnes
Ledbetter and their
family.



Trust of Palmetto. They did additions to McKenzie Drugs, and Palmetto Lodge Hall No. 74, City Hall and Jail House, and in 1973 did the remodeling and addition of the Palmetto Baptist Church. They are the present owners and managers of Palmetto Dry Cleaners, and Photography by Lavon.

Lavon, Sr., is a member of Palmetto Baptist Church, Past Master of Palmetto Lodge No. 74, Past Patron of Palmetto, O.E.S. Chapter No. 312. Agnes is a member of Palmetto Baptist Church and Past Matron of Palmetto Chapter O.E.S. No. 312.

Submitted by Lavon and Agnes Ledbetter

Bernie and Florence Lloyd

Florence Elizabeth Barronton, of Palmetto, Georgia, and Bernie Leonard Lloyd, of Fairburn, Georgia, were united in marriage December 8, 1933, at the home of the Reverend Jessie M. Dodd. Florence is the daughter of Jessie and Mollie Barronton of Palmetto. Leonard is the son of Samuel and Leila Duncan Lloyd of Fairburn.

Leonard and Florence have four children: Larry Dean, born February 5, 1935; Ronald Julian, born April 19, 1937; David Wayne, born August 17, 1942; and Steven Barronton, born August 13, 1946. All four sons served in the United States Armed Forces. Larry served in the Navy, Ronald and David in the Army, and Steve in the Marines. Ronald married the former Rachael Kathryn Shell of Palmetto. They have two children, Barry and Beth. David married Donna Eugene Watley of Austin, Texas. Steve married Emily Elizabeth (Joey) Smith of Palmetto. They have one child, Connie Melissa.

Leonard Lloyd was employed for twenty-two years by the Fulton County Sheriff's Department, retiring in 1976 as a Deputy Sheriff. He died March 31, 1978.

The accompanying picture was made on Larry's

first visit home after joining the Navy. It was Easter Sunday, in April of 1953.

Submitted by Mrs. Florence Lloyd



Family of Bernie L. Lloyd shown on Easter Sunday 1953. Bernie, Florence, Larry, Ronald, David and Steve

Ronald Julian Lloyd Family

Ronald Julian Lloyd was born April 19, 1937, to Bernie L. and Florence Barronton Lloyd. He attended Coweta and Fulton County schools and graduated from Campbell High School.

Ronald joined the United States Army in July, 1956, serving in Headquarters Company 102 Signal Battalion in Manheim, Germany. While in Germany he was an instructor in the Army Signal School. He was discharged with the rank of SP-5 in November of 1959.

On April 29, 1961, Ronald married Rachel Kathryn Shell, daughter of Lee J. and Jane W. Shell. Rachel was born May 18, 1938. She graduated from Campbell High School and attended LaGrange College.

Ronald and Rachel have two children: a son, Ronald Barronton, and a daughter, Mary Elizabeth. They are all active members of New Hope United Method-

ist Church, where Ronald is a Church School teacher and a Certified Lay Speaker of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Rachel teaches in Church School and sings in the choir. Both Barry and Beth are active in the children and youth programs.

Ronald has been employed by the Federal Aviation Administration since 1961 as an Electronics Technician. In collaboration with another employee, he built and perfected two pieces of equipment which were approved by F.A.A., manufactured by private industry, and are now used by F.A.A. nationwide. In 1974 Ronald received the Department of Transportation's Special Achievement Award.

Submitted by Rachel Shell Lloyd

Samuel Washington Long

Samuel W. Long (1845-1931), originally from Old Campbell County, was married to Mary Elizabeth Little, and they had eight children. He served in the Civil War and lost an arm in battle. Two children, John Harrelson and Emily Ann, died earlier.

Nelle (1876-1923) was never married. She died at age forty-seven.

Naomi, the youngest child, married Foster Atchison

in 1905, and they had nine children. Cancer claimed her life at age forty-nine.

Elizabeth (Betty) and Viola lived to be more than ninety years each and were affectionately known as "Bodie and Olie". They were both employed by Palmetto Cotton Mill. These two ladies devoted their lives to the care of their deceased sister's children. Naomi died leaving seven girls (two died as infants), who were immediately "adopted" by Bodie and Olie. These girls, Mary, Sara, Margaret, Wynette, Polly, Letty and Betty Jo, will always remember them as their second mother. Betty Long (1882-1975) died at age ninety-three. Viola Long (1887-1979) died at age ninety-two.

Robert Long, Sr., (1884-1962), married Odessa Peek in 1914. They had five children: Robert Jr., Elizabeth, Ruth, Myrtice, and an infant who died.

Tom Long (1879-1944) was never married. As a business man, he operated a restaurant in the building where our drug store is today, later moving down the street a few doors. Age and illness caused him to give up his work. He died in Milledgeville at age sixty-five.

Submitted by Mrs. Billy Landers

Absolom Smiley Longino Family

Absolom Smiley Longino, born May 1, 1815, in Surrey County, North Carolina, was the son of James and Ruth Holcomb Longino. James, born in 1785 in Surrey County, North Carolina, married Ruth in 1808. He died August 3, 1838, in Campbell County, Georgia and

is buried in Longino Cemetery near the home on Upper Wootten Road.

Absolom, the fourth child, married Susan Weaver Hines, a widow, on December 17, 1840. Susan, daughter of Samuel Weaver, was born in Upson County,



Betty and Ola Long

Georgia in about 1816.

Susan married William H. Hines on December 10, 1830. They had three children: a girl who died young; Benjamin H., born in 1833; and William H., born in 1835.

Absolom and Susan's children were Clementine, Susan, Eliza, Seaborn, Elizabeth, America, Emily, and Sarah.

Clementine, born in 1841, married Cyrus Condor, who died in the war. She later married Russell Dailey. Susan Margaret (Peggie) was born in 1843 and married Eli Reeves. Eliza Frances was born in 1846, and married James Irwin. Seaborn Landers was born in 1847 and married Arabella Irwin. After Arabella's

death, he married Margaret (Peggie) Davenport. Elizabeth Ellen was born in 1852. America, born in 1851, married Russell Dailey after Clementine's death. Emily Louise was born in 1854. Sarah Adeline was born in 1856 and married Lon Irwin.

"Mr. Ab", a member of New Hope Church, was a local Methodist minister and a very devout man, spending a great deal of time reading and studying his Bible, of which he was an apt student.

Susan died January 27, 1878; Absolom died April 13, 1890. Both were buried in Longino Cemetery.

Submitted by Nellie Keith

Seaborn Landers Longino Family

Seaborn Landers (Sebie), son of Absolom and Susan Weaver Hines Longino, who was born December 6, 1847, in Campbell County, Georgia, served in the Confederate Army in Glenn's Battery and was wounded in service. On August 15, 1871, he married Arabella Irwin, born October 20, 1847. Arabella died October 23, 1872. They had one child: Ansel Seaborn, born October 22, 1872.

On February 17, 1897, Ansel married Dolie Jane Beavers, who was born February 20, 1871. Their children were Elizabeth Arabella (Latham), who married Leland Beavers; Willie Dean, who married John Bivans; Francis Seaborn, who married Frances Rader; James Absolom, who married Monica Farrar; and Thomas Joseph, who married Virginia Head. This family moved to LaGrange and then to Atlanta.

On December 21, 1876 Seaborn married Margaret Watts (Peggie) Davenport, who was born April 6, 1846. Seaborn joined New Hope Church on probation on August 21, 1856, and was received on April 29, 1857. Peggie joined New Hope on probation on March 20, 1857, and was received on March 11, 1858.

Sebie and Peggie lived near the William Davenport (her father's) home on Atlanta-Newnan-Campbellton Road, but moved into her old home with her mother and sister, Sarah, after father died. Their children were William, Susan, and Sarah (Sallie).

William Absolom was born December 27, 1877, and married Jeroline Thompson in January of 1926. Their

children were Mary Ruth, who married Owen Caldwell; and Betty Jane, who married James Dooley.

Susan Sidnor was born June 30, 1879, and married George Keith on January 26, 1909. Their children were Nellie Margaret; Charles Seaborn, who married Barnelle Barber Hamilton; and William George, who married Margaret Reeves.

Sarah Davenport (Sallie) was born June 16, 1882, and married William Marvin Waldrop on December 16, 1903. Their children were Margaret (Maggie), who married Jim Robinson; and Milton Longino, who married Vena Redwine Cook.

Submitted by Nellie Keith



S.L. and Peggie Longino home.

Susan Weaver Hines Longino

Susan B. Weaver was born about 1815 in Putnam County, Georgia. She first married William R. Hines on December 10, 1830, in Coweta County. She later married Absolom Longino on December 17, 1840, in Coweta County. She died before 1880.

Susan B. Weaver and William R. Hines had two

sons: Benjamin and William.

Benjamin Franklin Hines, was born in about 1833 in Alabama. Apparently he never married and was killed in the Civil War.

William R. Hines was born in about 1835 in Coweta County, Georgia. He married Delilah Phillips on June

9, 1854. He died before 1870.

Susan B. Weaver and Absolem Longino had eight children: Clementine, Susan, Eliza, Seaborn, Amer-

ica, Elizabeth, Emily, and Sarah.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

William Absalom Longino Family

William Absalom Longino, son of Seaborn Landers Longino and Margaret (Peggie) Davenport, was born in old Campbell County, December 27, 1877. In January 1926, he married a teacher, Ethel Jeroline Thompson, daughter of Franklin Churchill Thompson and Jasmine Caldwell of Corinth, Georgia. Jeroline was born October 18, 1892.

Will Longino, a farmer by trade, was a lover of horses. He was known for having at least one fine

horse at all times.

He spent his entire lifetime in the Goodes Community where he was affectionately known as "Uncle Willie." His love of children was evident by his many gifts of knives and Bibles to youngsters. He gave a knife to a boy, and a Bible to a girl.

He and his family were members of New Hope Methodist Church and over the years demonstrated true Christian leadership.

Will and Jeroline Longino had two daughters. Mary Ruth was married to Emmitt Owen Caldwell on October 11, 1952 at New Hope Methodist Church. Their children are: Kenneth Owen Caldwell, born September 18, 1959, William Randall Caldwell, who was born March 20, 1961, and Penny Rebecca Caldwell, born August 25, 1964. The Caldwells live in Zebulon, Georgia.

Betty Jane was married to James Edward Dooley, March 9, 1952, at New Hope Methodist Church. They and their two children, Ethlyn Rose Dooley, born September 27, 1959, and Barry Thomas Dooley, born April 12, 1963, live at Eatonton, Georgia.

Will Longino died November 2, 1952. Jeroline died February 23, 1969. Both are buried in the New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Submitted by Betty L. Dooley



The Will Longino Family. Left to right, Jeroline, Owen Caldwell, Ruth Caldwell, Betty Dooley, and Will Longino.

Harold Mansfield

Harold Mansfield, born in Vermont, married Mable Camp Abercrombie in 1945, after serving in World War II. They spent two years in the New England area working in Country Inns and then settled in the Atlanta area, where Harold was food director at Woodward Academy. When son Timothy A. was born in 1950, they moved to Rico Community on the John Varner land inherited thru Mable's mother, Eva Camp Abercrombie, and became the fourth generation on the land.

Harold worked with the State Revenue Department as auditor, and Mable worked in Newnan with Coweta County Department of Family and Children Services. Tim, after finishing West Georgia College, is a whitewater boatman on the Salmon River in Idaho in summer, and in winter, when not traveling, is a fishing guide for King Crab on the northern California Pacific Coast.

In retirement, Mable and Harold garden, travel, bicycle, attend symphonies and plays, and work with civic groups.

Submitted by Mable Camp Abercrombie Mansfield

Timothy Abercrombie Mansfield is shown with his parents Mable and Harold Mansfield.



Jerry McCurdy Family

Jerry, Maryanne, Newton, and Phillip McCurdy and Maryanne's grandmother, Mrs. Annie Hughes Phillips, came to Palmetto in June of 1978.

Born March 17, 1940, in Rome, Georgia, Jerry is the oldest of four sons of Charles Newton and Nell Lane McCurdy.

Maryanne, born February 25, 1941, in Washington, D. C., is the youngest of three children born to Alvin G. and the late Will Nelle Phillips Mahan.

After graduation from Hapeville High School, Jerry entered Young Harris College, where he met Maryanne, a graduate of East Rome High. They were married June 17, 1961.

Jerry assumed his first appointment in Manchester, Georgia, while they both attended LaGrange College. Jerry's seminary training was at Candler School of Theology of Emory University. His appointments have been Coweta Circuit, Mizpah-Rush Chapel, Oak Grove as Associate Minister, Glen Haven, and Briar-

cliff.

Maryanne is employed by Osborne Travel at Lenox Square.

Newton, born June 17, 1962, in Warm Springs, Georgia, is Senior Class President of Palmetto High, where he is in the Beta Club and is Spanish Club President.

Phillip, born September 26, 1964, in Warm Springs, Georgia, is a sophomore at Palmetto High. He is in the Spanish Club and is a member of the ROTC color guard. They both participate on the Palmetto softball team and are active in the UMYF.

Mrs. Phillips, born in Cherokee County, Georgia, December 22, 1888, reared Maryanne after her mother's death. She highlighted her ninetieth birthday by taking her first flight from a grass landing strip near Cannongate Golf Club.

Submitted by Jerry McCurdy

James Jackson McElwaney Family

The parents of James Jackson McElwaney were Berry Franklin McElwaney and Lucinda Davis. The parents of Roxie Eugenia Horton were Thomas Jefferson Newton Horton and Epsie Emiline Smith.

Jack McElwaney was born April 15, 1872. Roxie Horton was born August 27, 1870. They married January 3, 1892.

They bought a farm in Coweta County, extending from Shoal Creek to Line Creek. A large portion of the land was wooded, and the rest eroded. However, it was the best they could afford. They moved into a log house. Jack loved to farm and was a progressive farmer. With hard labor and ambition, he improved the farm. The log cabin was replaced with a larger house. They bought other farms on Palmetto-Fayetteville Road and in Fulton County.

In 1929 the family moved to North Main Street in Palmetto. Jack bought and operated the Palmetto Cotton Gin, sold cotton and fertilizer, and managed his farms. Jack McElwaney died at the age of sixty-seven. Roxie McElwaney died at the age of ninety-one. Her love for family and friends will always be cherished. There were six children: Epsie Lou, Tony, Janie Mae, Louna, Jessie, and Jewel. Epsie Lou McElwaney, who was born December 23, 1893, and died August 27, 1968, was a housewife and a loving mother. She married Luther M. Hardy, of Fairburn, and they had four children: Grace Hardy Perry, L. M. Hardy, Jr., Hugh Hardy, and Thelma Hardy Fowler. Tony Jackson McElwaney, who was born October 30, 1892, and died March 3, 1920, was a farmer. He married Winnie McElwaney and they had one child, Howard McEl-

waney. Janie Mae McElwaney, who was born May 22, 1900 and died June 4, 1932, was a school teacher and Fulton County principal at Palmetto Cotton Mill School. She married Rufus I. Swanson, of Fayette County and they had one child, James Yancey Swanson. Louna McElwaney, who was born in April 29, 1906, is a school teacher. She married James S. Brown, of Lewisville, Georgia. Jewel McElwaney, who was born November 8, 1909, and died December 31, 1978, was a housewife and a Federal Government employee. She married Alan H. Harris, of Sweetwater, Tennessee.

Submitted by Louna McElwaney Wells and Jessie McElwaney Brown



Roxie and Jack McElwaney



McElwaney Family

Owen Leroy McElwaney, of Scottish descent, was born in North Carolina in 1815. He died October 12, 1862, in the Army Hospital at Mt. Jackson, Virginia, from complications of mumps while serving with Company C., Fifty-third Georgia Regiment in the War Between the States.

He married Elizabeth Meeks on March 10, 1844. She was born in 1815 in Georgia.

One of their sons was L. Berry McElwaney, known as "Little Berry." He has several children who lived in Palmetto.

L. Berry McElwaney was born January 26, 1845, and died May 2, 1926. He married M. Lucindy C. Davis on April 7, 1866. She was born March 3, 1849, and died January 31, 1915.

L. Berry McElwaney served during the War Between the States in Company H, Thirtieth Georgia

Regiment. He was shot in the thigh in July, 1863, in Jackson, Mississippi.

Their children who were Palmetto residents were: Jackson J., who married Roxie Horton; Vianna, who married Walter Jones; Elizabeth, who married Jesse Handley; and Stella, who married Paul Jones.

Other children who were not Palmetto residents were Annie, who married James I. "Monk" Adams; Valentine, who married Jessie Handley; Owen J., who married Lois Pyron and later Cora Smith; Lunne E., who married Lora Hugler; America Melinda, who married David A. "Berry" Handley; Evie Lou, who married Leverette Jenkins; Berry Franklin, who died at age three; and Emma Catherine, who died at age seventeen.

Submitted by Dan Jones

Jean Phillips McEwen

Jean Phillips McEwen was born to Samuel Watson and Fannie Kate Greer Phillips on August 25, 1932. She is the youngest of their five children. She attended Charles E. Riley School in Palmetto, and graduated from Campbell High School in Fairburn in 1949.

She married Charles E. Eidson, son of Edison and Eula Eidson from Palmetto in 1950. That marriage was terminated in 1961. She then married Ben C. McEwen, from Fairburn, Georgia. She was married to him for sixteen and one-half years.

Jean is co-owner of McEwen Rexall Drugs in Fair-

burn, where she works as bookkeeper and buyer. She resides on Valley View Drive in Fairburn. She is a member of Fairburn United Methodist Church, where she is active in the choir and a regular visitor among the elderly members of the church. She is also active in the United Methodist Women's work and is a board member of the Wesley Community Centers. Her hobbies are reading, cooking, and snow skiing.

Submitted by Jean P. McEwen

Benjamin W. McFarlin Family

Benjamin W. McFarlin was born near Thomaston, Georgia, in Upson County on November 27, 1858. He was the son of Frank and Amanda McFarlin. Ben was sold once in slavery. After his freedom, he lived with his family in the Log Town district. He was married to Lizzie Mathis, and they had eleven children. After her death, he married Lizzie Gilbert, and they had eleven children, twenty-two children in all. Three children from the first marriage are still living: Mattie McFarlin, age eighty-eight; Ollie Cunningham, age eighty-six; and Lizzie Pate, age eighty-two. Of the last marriage, seven are still living: Grady McFarlin, age seventy-five; Carrie O. White, age seventy-three; John Calvin McFarlin, age seventy-one; Sarah Curry, age sixty-seven; Amanda Reese, age sixty-four; Lillian Pruitt, age sixty-two; and Joseph H. McFarlin, age fifty-eight.

Uncle Ben, as he was called by black and white, was sold in slavery. Once he was thrown in for full measure. Each time he was lucky because he was

with his mother who jumped the broom in the marriage ceremony.

He was raised a Christian boy and attended services under a bush arbor, where the master preached to the slaves. After his freedom, they continued to live in Upson County, where he married. Ben was a farmer all his life and was known all over Upson and Pike Counties for making syrup and doctoring sick cows and mules, and spaying hogs. Ben was a devout church and school person. He served fifty-two years as a steward in the A.M.E. Church. His last stewardship was in Palmetto. He moved here in 1923 and joined Mt. Pleasant African Methodist Episcopal Church. He died on January 19, 1941. His family still cherish his mother's safe that we call a cupboard. It was made on the farm without any nails.

Submitted by Mrs. Carrie White

William Albert McKenzie Family

William Albert McKenzie, Sr., son of Albert W. and Grace W. McKenzie, was born October 18, 1926. He attended R. E. Lee High School in Thomaston, Georgia, and graduated in 1950 from the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy. He married Clara Lewis from Palatka, Florida, on March 18, 1951. They have one son, William Albert McKenzie, Jr., born on May

7, 1956. He is attending the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy in Athens, Georgia.

In 1957, the McKenzies moved to Palmetto from College Park, Georgia, to open McKenzie Pharmacy, Inc.

Submitted by William A. McKenzie, Sr.

Annie P. Medley

Annie Mae Phillips Medley was married on September 13, 1944 to Jack L. Medley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Medley of Cherokee County, Georgia. She is the daughter of Samuel (Little Sam) Watson and Fannie Kate Greer Phillips, the third of five children. She has two children; one of them, Kathy M. Foster, is married to Mike Foster and they have two children, Brett Johnson and Ashley Foster. She also has a son, Jack L. Medley, Jr., who is married to Renee Strozier.

Annie Mae is a graduate of Campbell High School (1941), West Georgia College, and the University of

Georgia. She has taught school in Dade County, Florida, and for the past fifteen years at Cedar Grove Elementary in Fulton County. However, she no longer teaches. Her husband has been employed by Delta Airline for twenty-one years. They have a ceramic business located on Chastain Road, Palmetto, Georgia. She engages in this as a hobby.

Submitted by Annie Mae P. Medley

James Clayton Mixon Family



Rowland G. Mixon

James Clayton Mixon was born in Newton County, Georgia, the son of Elijah and Charlotte Mixon. He came to the Palmetto area around 1850 to teach school at Cedar Branch School near Goodes. He was a church leader, being one of the founders of the Palmetto Methodist Church and Superintendent of the first Sunday School there. Educator and cabinet-maker, he made wagons for the Confederate Army. He married Nancy Elizabeth Skeen.

Their children were Pernel (Dr.), who married Margaret Cook; Thomas (Dr.), who married Daisy Beavers; Rowland (farmer), who married Lillie Belle

Andrews; Nelson (Dentist), who never married; and Looney (merchant), who married Eula Cotton. A little girl died in infancy. All of the sons went to the Atlanta area except Rowland.

Rowland Mixon married Lillie Belle Andrews in Newnan on October 10, 1888. They lived in Palmetto until December, 1901, when they moved to Rico. They helped organize the Rico Methodist Church. Rowland was a farmer, cattle raiser and dairyman. He and his wife had twelve children. Looney (Mrs. C. F. Anderson); Lizzie (Mrs. Hiram Douglas); Brandsford (married Ruby Watts); Harry (married Cora McKoy); Skeen (married Rebecca Pursley); Lewis, died in boyhood; Quillian (married Alma Addy); Grace (Mrs. J. F. Hopkins); Asbury (married Eva Ingram); and Margaret (Mrs. J. R. Price). Two girls died in infancy. All are dead now except Mrs. Hopkins, who lives in Rico, and Mrs. Price, of Stockbridge. Three granddaughters, Mrs. Harriet Lewis, Mrs. Daisy Kinser, and Mrs. Sara Kinser, still live on the home-place bought by Rowland Mixon in 1901.

Submitted by Grace Mixon Hopkins

Howard Britten Moore, Jr., Family

Howard Britten Moore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Britten Moore, Sr., was born on July 16, 1946. He was reared at 161 Sims Street in Palmetto. Britten attended

Charles E. Riley School and graduated from Campbell High School, Fairburn, in 1964. He is a member of Ramah Baptist Church.



Britten, Rhoda and Britt
Moore.

Britten married Rhoda Gerane Lester of Cliftondale on December 6, 1968, and they lived in Palmetto until 1970. They have one son, Howard Britten (Britt) Moore III, born October 5, 1975.

Britten is employed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company in Fairburn. He was an active member of the South Fulton Jaycees and one of the organizers of the Palmetto youth basketball program. He is still very much involved with the basketball program and coaches the Bulldog's.

Submitted by Britten and Rhoda Moore

Howard Britten (Doc) Moore Family

"Doc" Moore was born March 12, 1912, in Fayette County, the son of George W. Moore and Gertrude Winkles Moore. He attended school in Fayette County, but at the age of fourteen he moved with his parents to Palmetto, where he attended the mill school. In 1928 he went to work for Palmetto Cotton Mill and worked until 1958, when the mill closed. He worked for Pittsburgh Paint Company in Atlanta until he retired.

In 1929 he met Etheline Braswell, who was born March 14, 1915, to William Thomas Braswell and Frances Gresham Braswell, of Buford, Georgia. She attended school in Gwinnett County and moved to Palmetto when she was thirteen years old. She then attended Baptist Rest School. She lived in Atlanta for several years and worked for Guthmans Laundry.

On July 12, 1941, Doc and Etheline were married in Tyrone, Georgia. They have three children: Sandra, born April 22, 1942; Sheary, born November 15, 1943; and Britten, born July 16, 1946. They are members of Ramah Baptist Church and live on Sims Street in Palmetto. The children are all married, and the Moores have five grandchildren.

Doc and Ethelene Moore



Submitted by Libby Hines

George Washington "Pop" Moore Family

George Washington Moore family photographed in 1937. First row, George Moore, Gertrude and Jack. Second row, Doug and Grace. Third row, Bruce, Clara, Harvey, Hazel Reynard, Nora, Jessie and Eunice



George Washington "Pop" Moore was born October 21, 1887, in Carroll County. His first wife was Frances Gertrude Winkles, who was born in Coweta County, on April 28, 1891. She was fourteen years old at the time of her marriage. Their children were Nora, born August 16, 1907; Eunice, born December 7, 1909; Bruce (Doc), born March 12, 1912; Clara, born September 27, 1913; a baby boy who was born and died on September 16, 1914; Hazel, born March 28, 1917; Harvey, born December 3, 1919, and deceased April 27, 1979; Jessie, born November 23, 1921; Reynard, born October 25, 1922; Don, born April 5, 1925; Grace, born March 27, 1927; Jack, born May 5, 1931; a baby boy who was born and died on October 13, 1932; and

a baby boy who was born and died September 24, 1936.

Frances Gertrude "Mama Moore" died on December 31, 1949. In 1953 "Pop" Moore married Clara Huffmaster Cook, whose first husband had died twenty years prior to the marriage. Clara Cook's children were Frank, Frances, and J. W. Cook.

Pop Moore was a farmer until 1925, when he and his family moved to Palmetto. He then worked in the

Cotton Mill until he retired.

Pop Moore was the town barber and cut hair for fifteen cents. His customers sat on a stump or in a straight chair. He used a pair of hand clippers. "He pulled out more than he cut." The Moores were members of Palmetto Baptist Church. They lived on the corner of Sims and Hill Streets for fifty-two years.

Submitted by Libby Hines

Harvey E. Moore Family

Harvey E. Moore was born December 3, 1919, in Fayette County, Georgia, the sixth child of George W. and Francis Winkles Moore. In the 1920's the Moore Family moved to Palmetto, where Harvey and his ten brothers and sisters grew up. After finishing school, Harvey worked for a short time in the Palmetto Cotton Mill and for Ralph Wingo's service station and grocery store.

Harvey married Virginia Davis, of Carroll County on December 23, 1939. Virginia had been born on April 14, 1920, the fifth child of James F. and Rhoda Brown Davis. Harvey and Virginia lived in the Palmetto area for two years and then moved to East Point, where Harvey went to work for Southern Bell in June of 1941.

They have three children: Harvey Roger, of East Point, born November 23, 1942; Susan M. Tatum, of Palmetto, born August 4, 1946; and Dennis Perry, of Des Moines, born February 16, 1948.

Harvey served in World War II. The Moores were all active members of Welcome All Baptist Church and later of Red Oak First Baptist. Harvey and Virginia were Sunday School teachers for many years, and Harvey served on the board of deacons at both

churches. Along with his job at Southern Bell, Harvey was in the electrical and building business for several years.

In May of 1971 the Moores purchased a cottage on Rico Lake and shortly thereafter joined Ramah Baptist Church. Harvey was working at the Palmetto Branch of Southern Bell at the time of his death on April 27, 1979.

Submitted by Virginia Moore



Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moore;

Morris Family

Claire Christian and Henry Walthall Morris at the time of their marriage on October 19, 1898 in the Methodist Church in Palmetto.



The members of the Morris family who lived in Palmetto are descended from Nimrod Morris, a Scottish immigrant who arrived in America before the Revolution. His son, James, was married to Nancy (last name unknown). James' son, John Head Speth, who died in 1863 in the service of the Confederacy, was married to Louvenia Orpha Lyon, granddaughter of Joseph Emanuel Lyon, Revolutionary soldier. Their son, Baron Lafayette, was married to Victoria Givens. Their son, Henry Walthall Morris, married Claire Christian on October 19, 1898, in the Methodist Church in Palmetto.

The family owned and farmed land along the Chatahoochee River, not far from Palmetto, long before the Civil War.

Baron Lafayette Morris moved into Palmetto because of better schooling for his nine children. Here he operated a wagon shop. He later moved to Atlanta, where he worked for the Continental Gin Company as inspector. He was killed by a falling smoke stack in June, 1928, at the age of seventy-nine.

Three of his sons remained in Palmetto: Walter, though he later moved to Atlanta; Oscar, who died at a relatively early age, and Henry, who lived his entire

life in Palmetto. In the early years he owned a prosperous grocery business.

Henry's two children were born and grew up in Palmetto, but both have long lived elsewhere. His son lives in Tampa, Florida. His daughter, Rosa Katharine, married J. F. Patillo and lives in Atlanta.

Submitted by Rosa Katharine Morris Pattillo

Homer Leon Morris

Homer Morris was born February 22, 1895. His father was Jonah Calhoun Morris and his mother, Carrie Tyler Rhodes Morris. His father owned and operated a farm at McDonough, Henry County, Georgia. Homer received his education in Henry County Public Schools and in McDonough Schools.

July 4, 1915, Homer was married to Leila Mae Wells, daughter of Thomas Haye Wells and Nancy Dorcus Hammond Wells of Griffin, Spalding County, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris moved to Palmetto, Georgia, in November, 1933, and farmed in the Goodes community. In 1962 they sold their farm and moved into Palmetto. They are members of New Hope Methodist Church.

The Morrisses have an adopted son, Allen Leon Morris, who served in the U. S. Navy. He was married to Mildred James of Douglasville, Georgia. They have two sons, Larry and Gary, who are both married and live in Douglasville.

Ann Moore, a foster daughter, is married to Taylor Thurman. Their two children are a daughter, Lynn,

and a son, Andy. They live in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Jerry Hubbard, better known as Jerry Reed, the recording artist and actor from Nashville, Tennessee, was a foster son in the Morrisses home as a child.

Submitted by Jane W. Shell



Homer and Leila Morris on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, July 4, 1965.

Willie Frank (Bill) Morris Family

Sweetie born August 21, 1894 and died November 23, 1972 and Bill Morris born February 19, 1894 and died October 27, 1971.



Uncle Bill and Aunt Sweet began their married life together in Palmetto. Here their three children were born: Joseph Hill (Swede), born June 25, 1915; Mittie Amelia, born March 14, 1918; and Mary Elizabeth, born April 6, 1921. In 1924 they moved to Hapeville and Uncle Bill worked at various jobs in that area. In later years Aunt Sweet rented a portion of their home, with the renters usually becoming a "part of the family."

As long as they were able to drive, most Sunday afternoons were spent in Palmetto at the Richardson house, or in their latter years at daughter Elizabeth Swanson's house. Aunt Sweet always made a trip to the kitchen cupboard to partake of dinner left-overs or a glass of milk and bread.

In the summer months Aunt Sweet ended their visit with "Well, which of you chilluns are going home with us this week?" with Uncle Bill adding his standing joke that "Some little ole knock-kneed, bow-legged, snagged-toothed, freckle-faced boy or girl

sent word for you to come home with us." This was the highlight of the summer for nieces, nephews and grandchildren, for it meant a bath in the bathtub (a luxury), a trip to the corner store for a popsicle, and a game of croquet in the late afternoon. Christmas always found Aunt Sweet laden with a gift for each of the Richardson Clan.

Aunt Sweet's nickname described her perfectly. She was loved by all who knew her. The kindnesses

she extended to friends and relatives will long be remembered. A very devout Christian, she did not hesitate to talk with friends and relatives about their salvation. Aunt Sweet and Uncle Bill were former members of Ramah Church, where they are now buried, both having died of strokes.

(Also see Hill A. Richardson Family)

Submitted by Berta Richardson Bradley, niece

Charlie B. Moseley Family

Charlie B. Moseley was born on December 25, 1858. At a very early age he had to learn the responsibilities of an adult. He and his younger brothers and sisters were left orphans when C. B. Moseley was only eleven years old.

Arthur Hutcheson took this young family in and wanted to educate young C. B. Moseley. Because he felt it was his duty to have the responsibility of his brothers and sisters, he chose to work for Arthur Hutcheson instead of going to school.

Although Mr. Hutcheson never legally adopted C. B., he always considered him his foster son. So much was this so that when the time came for C. B. Moseley to marry, as was the custom of the day, Mr. Hutcheson chose his bride for him.

On January 29, 1885, C. B. Moseley married Villeta Ballard, the daughter of Levi and Sara Ballard. They had one child, Maud, who married Benjamin Roan of Fairburn.

William Thomas Murphy, Sr., Family

William Thomas Murphy, Sr., was born the second child of three to Daniel King and Marianna Thomas Murphy on September 13, 1938, in LaFayette, Alabama. Daniel King, Jr., born October 15, 1937, and Peggy, born January 10, 1942, complete the Murphy Family.

After moving all over Alabama, the family settled in December of 1951 in Forest Park, Georgia, where William and Peggy graduated from Forest Park Senior High. The night of his graduation William and his brother Dan, Jr., left Georgia for Gotebo, Oklahoma, to follow the wheat harvest through Kansas, Nebraska, and into South Dakota. They left the project before reaching Strawsburg, North Dakota, home of Lawrence Welk.

After returning to Forest Park, William continued working with various electrical contracting companies. Through one job that he worked on, he met his wife-to-be, Rachel Hines, in early 1959. William and Rachel were married on June 26, 1959.

For the first nine months of their married life they lived in Forest Park. About twenty days before their first child was born they moved back to Rachel's home-town Palmetto, to a home across the street from

where Rachel was born.

On April 21, 1960, Peggy Marie was born. The first son, William Thomas, Jr., was born December 28, 1961, and the last child, James Daniel, was born November 9, 1964. Now all the children are teenagers and keep the Murphy family active.

William, Sr. is a deacon at Palmetto Baptist Church, where his wife and children are also members.

Submitted by Peggy Murphy



C. B. Moseley Home



William and Rachel Murphy

Peggy, Billy and Danny Murphy



Douglas E. Nixon, Sr. Family

Douglas Edward Nixon was born to Osie Alonzo and Hazel Furman Nixon in 1933 at Palmetto, Georgia. He has three brothers, Ray A., Alvin L. and Robert F. Nixon. He went to Charles E. Riley grade school and graduated from Campbell High in Fairburn in 1951. He served two years in the United States Army 1958 to 1960.

Geraldean (Dean) Cavender Nixon was born in 1939 to William K. Cavender (Bill) and Doris Handley Cavender at Palmetto. She has one brother James Phillip Cavender and one sister Elaine Fleming. Dean also went to Riley school and graduated from Campbell High in 1957.

Doug and Dean were married July 4, 1957. They lived in an apartment in Palmetto for four years. Then in 1961 they built a home on part of the Nixon's old home place which was bought back in 1854. It is located on Wilkerson Mill Road, three miles from Palmetto.

They have three children, two daughters and one son. Donna Lynn was born in 1960 in Coweta County. She graduated from Palmetto High in 1978 and attended Boyman Dental Assistant School. She graduated from there in March 1979 and now works for Dr. Schell in Fairburn as his assistant.

Dana Leigh was born in 1968 in Coweta. She attends Riley school and plays a clarinet in the school band. She enjoys playing basketball and being a cheerleader.

Douglas Edward Jr., was born in 1969 in Coweta. He also attends Riley school. He enjoys playing all sports, football, basketball, and baseball, but loves riding his motorcycle.

Doug, Sr. went to work for Delta Air Lines in 1957 and is a Foreman in the Engine Overhaul Maintenance Department.

Submitted by Dean Cavender Nixon

Joseph J. Nixon Family

Joseph J. Nixon, planter, Palmetto, Campbell County, Georgia is the son of Francis and Anna (Ray) Nixon, and was born in Meriwether County, Georgia, October 12, 1839.

The grandfather of this gentleman, Joseph Nixon, was a native of Ireland, and came to Georgia as a young man in the latter part of the last century, settling in Oglethorpe County, where he married. He subsequently moved to Walton County, and thence to Coweta, where he lived till his death, which occurred in 1830.

The father of Mr. Nixon was reared in Coweta County, but was married in Meriwether County, where he lived until 1853, when he settled in the

southern part of Campbell County. In 1872 he moved to Heard County, where he died in 1881.

Six children were born to his first marriage: Joseph J., the subject of this sketch; Martha J., widow of M. M. Smith, Campbell County; Rebecca, wife of J. M. Windom, Carroll County; George, Cass County, Texas; Wiley, Coweta County; and Thomas, who was a private in Company C, Nineteenth Georgia Regiment and was killed at Second Manassas. The mother died in 1852, and the father subsequently married Miss Ann Grantham of Meriwether County, who bore him eight children.

Submitted by Ray A. Nixon, Sr.

Ray A. Nixon Family



Osie and Maggie Reeves Nixon pictured one year after they were married about 1901.

Joseph J. Nixon, planter and cotton gin owner, came to Palmetto, Campbell County, Georgia in 1853, with his father, John Francis Nixon, and mother, Anna Ray Nixon. Joseph J. Nixon enlisted in Company C, Nineteenth Georgia Regiment, and served in the Army of Virginia, where he was slightly wounded at Bentonville, North Carolina, on the last battle of the War. After the War, he settled down to the pursuit of farming. On September 3, 1869, he married Miss Louise M. Smith, who was his next door neighbor. She was the daughter of John B. and Temperance Smith. He was the father of ten children. The third child was Osie A. Nixon, born in 1876. Osie bought one hundred acres from the Torrence Smith estate. He married Maggie V. Reeves of Rico in 1900. Their

first child, Ray A., was born March 3, 1902. Maggie died at child birth.

Ray A. Nixon went to Locust Grove Institute and to Georgia Tech. He worked for the City of Atlanta Construction Department from 1929 to 1951. He was elected Chief of Construction in 1957, and retired in 1971. He married Mildred Clegg of Atlanta in 1937 and they have one son, Ray A. Jr., who is with the Georgia Power Company.

Ray A. Nixon, Sr., was a Captain in the Georgia National Guard and went to active duty on February 26, 1941, where he served in the Pacific during World War II. He was released from active duty on April 3, 1946, as a Colonel of Artillery. He lives at 8700 Wilkerson Mill Road in Palmetto.

Submitted by Ray A. Nixon, Sr.

Robert Anthony Nixon Family

Robert Anthony Nixon was born July 8, 1949, in Newnan, Georgia, the son of Robert and Denny (Hopkins) Nixon of Palmetto. He married Mary Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royce O. Lewis of Atlanta on May 20, 1969. He served two years in the Army, and was stationed at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah before returning to Atlanta. He joined the Atlanta Police Department in May of 1973 and was transferred to their South Fulton "Unincorporated" Division in July of 1974. This is now the Fulton County Police Department where he is presently employed. Mary is a secretary for Community Sales Corporation, a Real Estate company in Riverdale. Tony and Mary have two girls: Carolyn Michelle (Micki), born May 9, 1970; and Aimee Kristine (Kristi), born August 24, 1971. They live in Riverdale, Georgia.

Submitted by Mary Nixon

Robert Furman Nixon Family

Robert Furman Nixon, son of Ossie Alonza Nixon of Palmetto and Hazel Furman of Tennessee, was born in 1923 in Palmetto and attended Riley Elementary School and Campbell High. He served in the Navy from 1944 to 1946 and has been employed with the City of Atlanta since 1949. He married Denselle Carolyn Hopkins (Dennye), daughter of Denzil Bordene Hopkins of Palmetto and Nora Louise Carroll of Atlanta. Denny was born in Atlanta in 1927. In 1936, the family moved to Palmetto, where she attended Riley Elementary and graduated from Campbell High in 1945. The wedding was the first to take place in New Hope Methodist Church as it now stands. Denny and Bob have two children, Elizabeth Rebecca and Robert Anthony, Becky married Robert F. Hollis. This union produced two sons, Robert Brian, born 1966, and Barry Franklin, born 1970.

Tony, married Mary Royce Lewis. This union produced two daughters, Carolyn Michelle (Micki), born 1970, and Amy Kristine (Kristi), born 1971.

Submitted by Louise (Baby) Hopkins



Bob Nixon Gang. Front row; Barry, Bob, Denny, Kristi, and Micki. Second row; Brian, Becky, Bobby, Tony and Mary.

James E. Overby Family

James E. Overby was born in 1831 in Brunswick County, Virginia, and migrated to Coweta County, Georgia. On April 29, 1853, he married Narcissa J. Persons, who was born in 1836 and died in 1923. James died in 1886.

They had twelve children. The eighth child, Memory H. Overby, who was born in 1869 and died in 1960, married Luta May Steed on December 12, 1894.

Luta May born in 1868, was the sixteenth child of Sion P. Steed. She died in 1925. They had five children: Howard Reynolds, who was born in 1896 and died in 1952; Frank Steed, born in 1900; Robert Persons, born in 1903; Harold Lamar, who was born in 1906 and died in 1929; and William Edward, born in 1913. Of these children, William E. is the only one still a resident of Palmetto. He is a member of Pal-

metto First United Methodist Church and of Palmetto Lodge No. 74 F. and A.M. He served two years in World War II, over twenty years on Palmetto Housing Authority, and two years on the City Council. He has been in the hardware business most of his life and has been a hardware merchant in Palmetto since 1960.

In December of 1938 William E. married Nora Lillian Langley, who was born in 1916. They have two children: William E. Jr., and Luta Catherine. They also have one grandson, Robert Frank Overby.

Submitted by William E. Overby

J. L. Parker Family

J. L. Parker, son of late Joe and Lila (Dennis) Parker was born April 7, 1910, in a three-room log cabin on Atlanta and Newnan road near Goodes, Georgia. He saw his first snow on the morning of April 26, 1910, at his home. He attended grammar school at Goodes and high school at Palmetto.

On July 9, 1932, he married Louise Thomas, daughter of the late W. (Bill) N. and Ethel (Gentry) Thomas. Louise was born on Palmetto-Roscoe road near Roscoe. She attended school at the Sanders High School at Roscoe and is a housewife. J. L. worked thirty years with the United States Government. He served two

years in the U. S. Navy during World War II. He retired from the Atlanta Army Depot on April 1, 1970. Now he is a bookkeeper employed part time at Wright Funeral Home in Fairburn.

He is a member of Palmetto Masonic Lodge No. 74. A Past Master, he has now been secretary for twenty-two years. J. L. and Louise are both members of Ramah Baptist Church at Palmetto. They have resided at 531 Toombs Street in Palmetto for over forty-three years.

Submitted by J. L. Parker

The Parks Family



The Parks Family, taken in 1897.

Lucy M. Long Parks and Samuel H. Parks were married around 1881. They moved to Palmetto Mill Village around 1900 and were employed at Palmetto Cotton Mill. They had four daughters: Emma, who was born in 1884, was married to J. W. Phillips, of Carrollton, and died in 1962; Ira, who was born in 1890, was married to John Prather, of East Point, Georgia, and died in 1961; Vassie, who was born in 1892 and is married to John Bedford, of Thomaston,

Georgia; and Julia who was born in 1894 and in 1919 married John T. Boynton of Palmetto. He was the son of Charles Y. Boynton and Lula Bryant. Julia lives in Newnan, Georgia.

Julia and Charles Boynton had five children: four girls and one boy. Ruth Russell was born in 1921 in East Point, Georgia, where she now lives. Monique King was born in 1924 in Palmetto, where she now lives. John T. Boynton, Jr., was born in 1926 in Turin, Georgia, where he presently lives. Elnora Brooks was born in 1930; she now lives in West Palm Beach, Florida. Martha Purdee was born in 1934 and lives in Newnan, Georgia.

The Boyntons lived in Palmetto until they moved to Newnan in the sixties. John T. Boynton, Sr., served as a security guard until his death in 1973. He also was a Coweta County Special Deputy. They, John and Julia, have twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. In the late forties and early fifties John, Sr., worked for the Sanitation Department for the City of Palmetto.

Submitted by Martha Purdee, Daughter of John and Julia Boynton

John Patman Family

John W. Patman, 1818-1907, came to Palmetto from Oglethorpe County with his first cousin, Andrew Weaver, and some others, after filing for a Federal Land Grant. Each received 160 acres. John Patman's land adjoined Tatum land, but was later separated by

the Atlanta and West Point railroad, with the Tatums on the west side and the Patmans on the east. The Patman homestead still stands, a white frame house covering an earlier log house.

In 1841, John Patman married Elizabeth Bowdoin

Jackson (1821-1891). They had seven children, five girls and two boys, both of whom were killed in the Civil War.

Edward (Ed) was born in 1842, was never married and was killed in Florida in 1865. Richard (Dick) was born in 1843, was never married and was killed in Virginia on the "March to Richmond" in the "Battle for the Wilderness." Margaret Isabelle (Meg) was born in 1845 and died in 1930. In 1867 she married Wm. David Tatum (1844-1903). Mary Jane (Jennie) was born in 1847 and died in 1927. In 1870 she married Robert Parks Tatum (1843-1903). Sudie ? or Selina ? was born in 1849 and probably died early. Rachael Andes was born in 1855 and died in 1902. She was married in 1874 to James (Jim) Ferrell (1854-1928) and moved to Texas. Emma B. was born in 1859. She married John Eller. The date of her death is not known. She was the grandmother of Mrs. Grace

Eller-Blair of Palmetto. The rest of the family of that name moved to Alabama.

John Patman was a very jovial Irishman who loved company and a good story. When the first passenger train ran from Newnan to Atlanta, John took all his children for a ride to Atlanta and back, an experience which in that time exceeded the thrill of a transcontinental trip on the "Concorde."

A story has come down through the years about a very fine bull owned by John Patman. It seems the bull felt a terrible challenge when he saw the new mechanical monster puffing steam as it slowed up for the coaling station back of Ramah Church where they also took on water from the pond just down the hill, so he charged full force and overturned the engine, rolling it down the hill toward the pond.

Submitted by Mary E. Smith

Charlie B. Peek Family

Charlie B. Peek was born to Cicero Peek and Maggie Phillips Peek on August 26, 1902. He had four brothers and four sisters. On December 15, 1926 he married Bessie Eidson, born July 28, 1905, the daughter of Arthur and Emma Russell Eidson. Bessie had three sisters.

Charlie and Bessie lived at the Peek home place on Rico Road, where he farmed until 1930. They then moved to Palmetto. He bought the Palmetto Standard Station and ran it until 1934.

They then moved to the home place of his grandfather, Seaborn Phillips. This is where they now live. This house was built in 1851.

After moving to the country, Charlie truck farmed and was an agent for Sawann Seed Company and International Fertilizer.

They were blessed with a family of ten children. Each has been successful in their choices for their lives.

Six were boys: Robert, Billy, Dan, Jack, Ned and James.

Robert, a retired East Point policeman, is now working at Peek Brothers' Used Cars. He has one

daughter.

Billy, Dan and Ned are business partners and own Peek Brothers' Garage, Palmetto Auto Parts and Palmetto Used Cars. Billy has four children, Dan has three children, and Ned has two children.

Jack owns Jack Peek's Sales and Service. Jack has two children. James works with Jack. James has three boys.

Charlie and Bessie also have four daughters: Hilda, Alice, Peggie, and Lynda.

Hilda, who lives at Perry, Georgia, is a homemaker and has five children.

Alice works for the Fulton County Board of Education and has two boys.

Peggie works for Rayloc and has two girls.

Lynda is a homemaker and has two children.

The Charlie Peeks have twenty-six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family has always attended Sardis Baptist Church. Charlie serves as a deacon, and Bessie has served in various positions.

Submitted by Charlie Peek

Jack Peek Family

Jack Bullard Peek was born in Fulton County in 1934 to Charlie and Bessie Peek. Of his five brothers, Robert lives in South West Atlanta, while Billy, Dan, Ned, and James all live in Palmetto. He has four sisters: Hilda Cochran, of Perry, Georgia, Alice Barge, Peggie Dennis and Lynda Harris, all of whom live in Palmetto.

He married Mary Ann Winkles on January 14, 1959.

She was born in Coweta County in 1939 to Clarence and Nettie Winkles. She has two brothers: Dan, of Palmetto, and Curtis, of Newnan.

They have two children: Jeff, born in 1964, and Jennifer, born in 1970.

They reside on Hutcheson Ferry Road in Palmetto, and operate Jack Peek's Sales and Service on Main Street in Palmetto.

Submitted by Jack Peek

James Henley Peek Family

James Henley Peek, the youngest son of Charlie and Bessie Peek was born on December 3, 1939. He attended Charles Riley and Campbell High School. He helped on a paper route while in high school.

James married Barbara Ann Nolen of Union City, Georgia, on April 23, 1959, at the Union City Methodist Church. They have three sons.

Michael Henley (Mike) was born January 16, 1961. He attended Rico Elementary and Palmetto High, where he graduated June 1, 1979. He worked for three years at Bradley's Thriftown while in school. He is now employed with Southern Saw Service.

Timothy Scott (Tim) was born March 21, 1963. He attended Rico Elementary and is now a junior at Pal-

metto High. He works part-time at Bradley's Thriftown.

Terry Travis was born December 10, 1965. He attended Rico Elementary and will enter Palmetto High in the fall.

James is now employed by his brother at Jack Peek's Sales and Service. Barbara is employed by Fulton County Board of Education as Cafeteria Manager at Rico Elementary School.

The family attends Sardis Baptist Church, with the exception of Mike. He attends Friendship Baptist Church.

Submitted by James Henley Peek

John Phillip "Bud" and Nancy P. Peek

Bud Peek was born in Palmetto, Georgia, on July 31, 1931, to Phillip "Flip" and Ruby Gamel Peek. He had two sisters, Dorothy and Frances. Dorothy died at the age of eleven and Frances died at the age of twenty-three.

Bud graduated from Campbell High in 1949. He joined the United States Air Force on January 3, 1951, and served until December 18, 1954. He married Nancy Roberts on January 1, 1953, in Del Rio, Texas.

They had three children: Jan Marie, born January 9, 1954; Kim Ann born November 19, 1957; and John, Jr. "Flip", born April 29, 1961. Jan has two boys, Casey Phillip and Robert William. "Flip" has one daughter, Jamie Lynne. Bud and Nancy Roberts Peek separated in January 1974, and were divorced in 1975.

Nancy Perry Peek was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 12, 1945, to Louis O. and Mildren O'Shields Perry. She has one sister, Melissa Ann, and two brothers, Robert Louis and Carl Alvah. Melissa has two children, Charles "Chuck" and Lisa.

Nancy graduated from Murphy High School, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1963, and went to work for the Department of the Treasury. She married Roy M. Beall in 1968, and they had one daughter, Holly Denise, born February 20, 1971, in Dekalb County, Georgia. They separated in August, 1971, and were divorced in 1974.

Nancy Perry Beall and Bud Peek were married in Palmetto, Georgia, on June 7, 1975, at the home of Dan and Tootsie Peek. They moved to Palmetto in July 1975. They became members of Palmetto Baptist Church in 1976. Bud adopted Nancy's daughter, Holly Denise, on August 10, 1977.

Nancy is still employed by the Government, and she enjoys playing softball, volleyball, and tennis.

Bud has been employed by Crown Zellerbach Corporation, Gaylord Container Division, since January, 1955. He enjoys motorcycle riding, hunting, and fishing.

Submitted by Nancy P. Peek

Ned Peek Family

John Ned Peek was born to Charlie and Bessie Peek on May 4, 1936, in Palmetto. He was sixth among ten children. All are still living in the South Fulton area except one who lives in Perry, Georgia. He attended schools in the Palmetto area and in 1959 married Janice Deborah Moss. She was born July 16, 1942, in Atlanta to Artis and Nina Moss. She attended elementary school in Red Oak and high school in Fairburn. She has two sisters, Jonelle Garrett and June Ramsey, both living in the Atlanta area, and two brothers, Raymond Moss and Richard Moss, who live in Atlanta, and a third brother, Ronald Moss, who

lives in Dayton, Ohio.

Ned and Janice have two children. Donna Dee was born June 4, 1964, and currently attends Palmetto High. Rodney Wayne was born January 21, 1967, and attends Rico Elementary. All of the family are members of Sardis Baptist Church and reside on Hutcheson Ferry Road. In 1961 Ned and two of his brothers, Dan and Billy, opened an auto repair shop known as Peek Brothers Garage. Since then two more businesses have been added to the partnership: Palmetto Auto Parts, in 1967, and Peek Brothers Used Cars in 1970.

Submitted by Janice Peek

Robert Charles Peek Family

Robert Charles (Bobby) is the oldest child born to Thomas Dan and Lorene A. Peek on December 5, 1953. He attended Rico Elementary and Palmetto High School. He worked at Peek Brothers' Garage and is now employed at Palmetto Auto Parts.

Bobby married Carol Gene Lee in July of 1973. Carol was born January 13, 1957, to Doris W. and Charles J. Lee. Her grandparents were Harry E. and Florence R. Wyche. Carol's parents and grandparents are now deceased. Carol has one sister, Linda Jane Lee, born February 16, 1955. She is employed at Rich's. She has

one brother, John Allen Lee, born March 6, 1956, and is employed by the City of Atlanta. Carol attended Charles Riley Elementary, Campbell High, and Palmetto High Schools. The Lee family moved to Palmetto in 1967.

Bobby and Carol have one daughter, Jessica Lee, born November 30, 1978. They live on Hutcheson Ferry Road out from Palmetto.

Bobby and Carol are active members of Sardis Baptist Church.

Submitted by Carol L. Peek

Thomas Dan Peek Family

Thomas Dan Peek was born December 22, 1930, to Charlie B. and Bessie E. Peek. He has nine brothers and sisters. He attended Charles Riley School in Palmetto. His first jobs away from home were at Kearns Sawmill and Palmetto Standard Station.

He went into the Army in April of 1951. While in service he met and married Lorene A. Kortman (Tootsie), born June 27, 1932. They married April 25, 1953, in Detroit, Michigan. Her parents were Lydia and Robert Kortman, from Ocqueoc, Michigan. She had three brothers and six sisters. She was raised on a farm.

After completing army duty Dan and Tootsie returned to Georgia to live in Palmetto. Dan worked at Palmetto Standard Station, Gaylord Boxing Company, and Coca Cola Company. In 1959 he went into business with his brothers, Billy and Ned, forming Peek Brothers' Garage. Later they added Palmetto Auto Parts and Palmetto Used Cars. Tootsie is a homemaker.

In 1972 they built a home on Rico Road on land where Dan had helped work crops as a young boy.

Tootsie and Dan have three children and two grandchildren.

Their first born was Robert C. (Bobby) born Decem-

ber 5, 1953. He attended school at Rico Elementary and Campbell High. He worked at Peek Brothers' Garage for a while and is now working at Palmetto Auto Parts. Bobby married Carol G. Lee in July of 1973. They have one daughter, Jessica Lee Peek, born November 30, 1978. Carol works at UPS. They live on Hutcheson Ferry Road, Palmetto.

Dan and Tootsie's second child was Ann Marie, born November 1, 1956. She attended school at Rico Elementary, Campbell High, and Palmetto High. She has worked at Turner Communications, Heinz and Lawson's. She married H. Danny McElwaney of Tyrone in November of 1975. She has one son, Denver Dan, born July 13, 1979. Danny is working at Flintkote. They live in Tyrone.

The Dan Peek's third child was Larry Thomas, born September 23, 1959. He attended Rico Elementary School and Palmetto High School. He worked at Peek Brothers' Garage and has recently been employed by Delta Air Lines. He lives with his parents on Rico Road.

The family are all members of Sardis Baptist Church.

Submitted by T. Dan Peek

William W. Peek Family

Henry Peek Home

The first known Peek in Goodes community was William William. He came from Carroll County about 1892 at the age of seventy, bringing with him six of his children, all of whom were already married. He applied for a pension for Civil War service, giving his address as Goodes Post Office.

One of his sons, Thomas Hightower, affectionately known as "Grandpa," is probably one of the better known of the early Peeks. Having come to Goodes with his father and having brought his family with



him, he resided near Sardis Baptist Church, where he and his children were faithful servants. He joined Sardis about 1893 and remained a member until his death in 1941.

One of Grandpa's sons, Henry Jackson, joined Sardis about 1893 and remained until his death in 1943. Henry, a deacon, was very instrumental in the erection of the new church building that is known today as Sardis Baptist Church.

Henry married Sabie Wester in 1895. They had an infant daughter who died at birth in 1909. Sabie followed her in death only two years later. Henry built

the old Peek home on Jones Ferry Road in 1912 for his coming marriage to Jewell Eidson. His son Clovis still lives in this home. Three other sons, James Henry, Sr., Raymond Eidson, Sr., and Willis Mauldin, live within one half mile of this old home.

Many of the Sardis Church members of today can call Thomas Hightower Peek "Grandpa." Among them are the Thompsons, the Watkins, the Charlie Peeks, and the children and grandchildren of Henry and Jewell Peek.

Submitted by Willis and Elizabeth Peek

William Pennington Family



Lucile Pennington, daughter of Ed Pennington

Emily Matilda Davenport, daughter of William and Elizabeth Sydnor Andrew Davenport, was born September 18, 1823, and married William B. Pennington. William Pennington was born July 20, 1825, and died July 11, 1863.

Their children were John Henry, who was born September 18, 1847, and married Roxie L. Barfield; Mary Caroline, born July 25, 1849; Margaret Susan, born August 22, 1851; Thomas Ephraim, who was born February 28, 1855, and married Alice Wilkinson; Sarah Evaline, born February 15, 1857; Lucy Elizabeth, who was born August 14, 1858, and married William T. Stipe; James Edward, born March 18, 1859; and William Overton, born March 1, 1861.

Thomas Ephraim, a doctor, was the father of Emma Pennington Skeen, who lived in Palmetto.

Matilda Pennington died July 11, 1863, in Campbell County.

Submitted by Nellie Keith

James Andrew Phillips

James Andrew Phillips was born September 24, 1929. He graduated from Campbell High School and served two years in the United States Army. On July 7, 1952, he married Edna Shackelford from Rockmart, Georgia. They had three children: David Andrew,

twenty-five, Debra Melisa, twenty-one, and Melinda Louise, twenty. All three children reside and work in Atlanta. There is one grandson, Michael Shane Perry.

Submitted by Melisa Phillips

Leonard Aaron Phillips Family

Leonard A. Phillips and Emma Gullatt Phillips



Lillian and Henley Phillips



Leonard Aaron Phillips was born August 27, 1854, in Campbell County, Georgia. He was married to Emma Gullatt. To them were born three daughters and three sons: Emily, Tommie Lou, Opal, Will, Paul and Abb.

Their son, Seaborn Abb Phillips, was born March 5, 1888, in Campbell County. On March 15, 1922, he was married to Annie Sue Cook who was born October 17,

1888, and lived in Coweta County. They had one daughter and one son. They lived in the Goodes community.

Their daughter, Lillian Ayer, was born April 30, 1923. She was married to Commander Robert Felix Anderson, U. S. Coast Guard, on May 20, 1945. They have two sons, Joseph Fuller and Robert Philip. Fuller married Paula Biswell on July 17, 1971, and they have a son, Robert Paul, and a daughter, Joannah Sue. They live in Greenwood, South Carolina, where Fuller is employed by Brunswick Pulp and Land Company. Philip married Donna Demming on December 23, 1972, and they have one son, Joseph Hen-

ley. They live in Cambridge, England, where Philip is doing post-doctoral work. Lillian died May 12, 1973. Commander Anderson is retired from the Coast Guard and lives at the Abb Phillips home place.

Abb and Sue's son, Seaborn Henley, was born December 13, 1924. He married Virginia Thompson on December 23, 1951. They have no children. They live in the Goodes community on what is known as the Leonard Phillips farm. Virginia is a Resource Teacher with the Fulton County Board of Education and Henley is an Inspector with Delta Air Lines.

Submitted by Mrs. Henley Phillips

Leonard and Nancy Weaver Phillips

Nancy Weaver was born December 22, 1803, in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. She married Leonard Phillips in Putnam County on January 26, 1819. She lived the early years of her marriage in Putnam County and moved in about 1828 to Campbell County, where she reared a large family, with many descendants still living in the area. She died on November 18, 1882, and she and Leonard were both buried in the family cemetery near her mother and father.

Nancy and Leonard had seven children: James, Mary Ann, John, Seaborn, Thomas, Samuel, and Susan.

James R. Phillips was born July 31, 1821, in Putnam County, Georgia. He first married Mary Ann Cleckler on April 2, 1843. He later married Nancy C. Russell on October 25, 1859, in Campbell County.

Mary Ann Phillips, who was born October 12, 1822, married a Mr. Denton. They had no children.

John W. Phillips, who was born December 15, 1824,

married a girl named Elizabeth. Part of this family moved to Texas.

Seaborn Joseph Phillips was born September 1, 1827, in Putnam County, Georgia. He died January 25, 1897, in Campbell County, Georgia. He first married Emily Tilghman, the daughter of Aaron Tilghman and Nancy Cleckler, in Fayette County, on December 6, 1848. He later married Mary Margaret Smith Clarke. Seaborn lived in Campbell County and was the father of fifteen children.

Thomas D. Phillips, who was born in 1829, died in young manhood. He never married.

Samuel L. Phillips, who was born November 12, 1838, died on April 7, 1860. He never married.

Susan or Sarah Phillips, who was born in 1843, married a Mr. Sparks. There are no known children.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

Samuel W. Phillips Family

Samuel Watson Phillips was born to Samuel and Annie Phillips, July 12, 1894, in the Phillips home built in 1884. He lived in Palmetto until his early death in 1934 at the age of thirty-nine. He married Fannie Kate Greer, of Ebenezer community in Fayette County and they had five children. Mother Kate is now eighty-three years old and is one of the few elder members regularly attending church at Ramah Baptist Church.

Frances, the elder daughter, attended West Georgia College and the University of Georgia. She was employed by the Department of Agriculture and also taught in elementary schools. Charles and she had four children: Charles III, Phillip, Gale and Glenda. The three elder children live and work in the metro area. Glenda is a senior at Palmetto High and enjoys riding Tennessee Walking Horses. She and her Dad also work with Quail Hunting Dogs on the original Phillips Home Place.

Bessie Thompson, the second daughter, has two children: Sam and Carol. Sam and his wife, Delores, have two daughters: Jill and Jennifer. Sam is in real estate and insurance business under the name of Thompson Realty. Delores has a beauty parlor, "Styles by Delores." They share 502 Toombs Street, Palmetto, for both businesses. Carol and her husband, Wesley Adcock, live in Columbus, Mississippi. She is the assistant manager of the Retardation Center in Columbus.

Submitted by
Frances P. Trotter

Samuel W. and Fannie
Kate Phillips



Jim Pulliam Family

James (Jim) Harold Pulliam, Sr., was born in Tennesse, Georgia to Alma Clifton (now deceased) and Melba Lundy Pulliam. He spent most of his childhood days in Mitchell, Georgia. He served four years in the U. S. Air Force, one of which was in Korea during the Korean War. Upon being discharged from the Air Force, he married Zuline Hattaway. Zuline was born in Mitchell, Georgia to Clifford Ervin (now deceased) and Sallie Hilson Hattaway. She spent all her childhood days in Mitchell. After graduating from high school, she continued her education at Middle Georgia College, and the University of Georgia. Zuline has taught school twenty-six years in the public school systems of Glascock County, Clayton County, and Fulton County. She is presently teaching at Palmetto High School.

Jim and Zuline came to Atlanta, where Jim was employed with Eastern Air Lines as an aircraft line mechanic. He advanced to general foreman over aircraft maintenance before resigning from the company.

The Pulliams purchased the Dr. George Mixon home, located on Mixon Avenue in Palmetto, and

came to live here in May, 1963. They have three sons, James (Jimmy) Harold, Jr., Donald (Don) Keith, and Chris Alan. The oldest son, Jimmy, is married to the former Lynn Dee Wellborn.

In 1971 Jim resigned from Eastern Air Lines to become self-employed. He purchased Bradley's Service Station, Washeteria, and Car Wash, located on Main Street in Palmetto and formerly owned by Murray D. Bradley. In 1973 he sold the Car Wash and built Pulliam's Tire and Alignment on this lot. In 1974 Jim and his son, Don, purchased Gentry's Laundry, located on Center Street in Palmetto. It is now known as Pulliam's Laundry.

Jimmy, Don, and Chris graduated from Palmetto High School. After graduation from high school, they worked with their father. In 1976, Jim sold Pulliam's Tire and Alignment and Pulliam's Service Center to his sons and purchased Scott Exterminating Company, Inc., located in Atlanta.

Submitted by Zuline H. Pulliam

John Harris Ray Family

John Harris Ray (1869-1938), son of Robert (Bob) and Birdie Ray of Alabama, came to the Campbellton-Palmetto area around the turn of the century. Early in the 1900's he married Effie Ola Hattaway (1885-1978) daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Pate Hattaway. Walter was a land owner, farmer and cotton gin operator in the Friendship community of old Campbell County.

Early in their married life John H. Ray and his wife Effie lived at Cochran Mill, owned by Berry Cochran

of Palmetto, and operated the power plant which furnished electricity for the town of Palmetto.

Later they became land owners and farmers in the Friendship community and the Palmetto area. To them were born seven children: Collier Bell; Aaron Howard; Charles Guy; Pauline; John Harris, Jr.; Robert Lacy; and M. Douglas.

Submitted by Pauline Jones

Robert L. (Bob) Ray, Sr., Family

Robert L. (Bob) Ray and Mildred Best met while Bob was in the service in North Carolina and were married there on January 9, 1944. Bob, the son of the late John H. and Effie (Hattaway) Ray, was born in Palmetto on November 8, 1923. He has three brothers and one sister still living. They are Pauline Ray Jones, Charles Ray, John Ray, and M. D. Ray. Mildred Best, the daughter of Juanita (Matthis) and the late Ernest L. Best, was born May 20, 1924. She has four sisters.

Bob and Mildred now reside in Palmetto on Cochran Mill Road, where they have lived for 34 years. They have three children: Ginger Ray Bryson, Robert L., Jr., and Charles Neal. Ginger, born October 30, 1944, has one daughter, Lisa Rae Bryson. She is nine years old, and they live on Carlton Road in Palmetto.

Robert L., Jr., born March 28, 1952, is a graduate of The University of Georgia and at the present time is pursuing a career in entertainment. Charles Neal, born February 13, 1955, is a graduate of Jacksonville State University, in Jacksonville, Alabama. At the present time he is a Manager for Zales Jewelry Stores in Atlanta.

The entire Ray family are members of the Friendship Baptist Church on Cochran Mill Road, where Bob is a deacon. Bob, retired from Civil Service, is employed by the Peggy B. Turner Insurance Agency in College Park, Georgia. Also, he enjoys a little farming on the side. Mildred, a retired school bus driver for Fulton County, is a homemaker and enjoys using her time in church related activities.

Submitted by Ginger Ray Bryson

Jacob Redwine Family

Three miles south of Palmetto on what was part of the old W. H. Steed place is the long ago abandoned site of Concord Meeting House (Methodist). The only marked graves are those of Jacob Redwine and his daughter Sarah Larimore (spelled Lowrymore on the stone). Jacob's stone was further marked by the Sarah Dickinson Chapter, D.A.R., in 1940 as a soldier of the American Revolution.

Son of German immigrants, Frederic and Barbera Stoner Redwine, Jacob, the youngest of four brothers, was born near what is now Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 12, 1851, and married Rowena Rineheart in Montgomery County, North Carolina on February 29, 1776. He died in Coweta County, Georgia, on February 25, 1840. He was founder of Redwine Methodist Church in Franklin (now Hart) County, Georgia, which church will celebrate its two hundredth anniversary in 1989.

After Rowena's death and burial at Redwine Methodist Church on July 4, 1831, Jacob spent his remaining years with his son Lewis and his family.

Between the years of 1777 and 1799 Jacob and Ro-

wena Redwine became the parents of twelve children: Mary, who married William Ballenger and settled in Franklin County, Georgia; Jemima, who died in infancy in Montgomery County, North Carolina; Catherine, who married Joshua Hearn and settled in Palmetto, Georgia; Jacob, Jr., who married Nancy Trimble and settled in Ben Hill, Georgia; Jemima, who married William McGee and settled in Palmetto; Michael, who married Annie Baker and settled in Redwine Cove, near Dalton, Georgia; Lewis, who married Mary Merritt and settled in Coweta County, Georgia; Sarah, who married James Larimore and settled in Palmetto; John, who married Sarah Crawford and settled in Palmetto; Barbara, who married Joseph A. Parker and settled in Elbert County, Georgia; and Nancy, who married Judge John Underwood and settled in Coweta County, Georgia. From these children are descended many present-day residents of the Palmetto area.

Submitted by Elizabeth Redwine Fowler

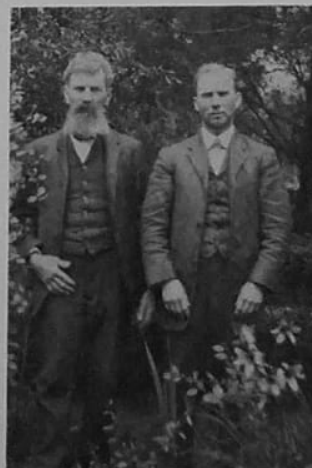
John M. Redwine Family

John M. Redwine married one of the Hutcheson daughters, Sarah, on December 5, 1871. John was a clerk at a bank in Newnan, and also helped run the Hutcheson Store. The store was adjacent to Mr. Hutcheson's house and burned some time ago. After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Hutcheson, John and Sarah Redwine continued to live in the homeplace. They had two children, Frank Hutcheson and Sarah. Frank farmed the land and held it through the depression years with the help of his wife, Vena (formally Smith). Sarah married Frank Newton of Birmingham, Alabama.

Frank and Vena Redwine had two children, Frank, Jr., and Sarah. Sarah has not married and lives in Atlanta after retiring from her work as a textbook editor for Columbia University Press. Frank, Jr., continued to run the farm until his death in 1976. Frank married Elizabeth Murray of Newnan, and they had two children, Frank III and Jennie Quin. Frank III is married to the former Patricia Bates, and they have two children, Bates and Sarah. (She is the seventh in the line of Sarahs.) The current Redwines live in Atlanta.

After the death of Frank H. Redwine, Jr., his sister-in-law, Dorothy (Murray) Wallace, and her husband James J. Wallace, Jr., moved into the Redwine homeplace and are living there now. Thus, the family has occupied the house since it was built (139 years).

Submitted by Frank Hutcheson Redwine, III



Frank H. Redwine, Sr., and his father-in-law, John K. Smith are photographed in the boxwood gardens at the Old Redwine (Hutcheson) Plantation House.

Jerry Reed

Jerry Reed, the famous country music singer and movie star, lived in Palmetto during part of his childhood. He was known to the people here as Jerry Hubbard. Jerry attended Charles E. Riley school. When

asked about his years in Palmetto as a child, Jerry said, "It's made me the way I am today."

Several people of Palmetto remember Jerry well: Herman Kearns remembers playing "super man" with

Jerry. Helen Kearns Huffmaster recalls skating many times with a group of children which included Jerry. Carole Lassetter Harper remembers that their school teacher, Mrs. Clarice Kearns, would lead the children in music time and Jerry would run to the head of the class eager to lead the singing. A neighbor, Mrs. Willie Bell Wilson, recalls Jerry playing, at an early age, with an old, worn out guitar, and enjoying every minute of it. Mr. Homer Morris said, "Of the many children who lived with us, Jerry was one of the best behaved."

Jerry Reed has become a noted celebrity. He and his wife, Priss, live on a farm near Nashville, Tennessee, with their two daughters, Seidina and Lottie. Seidina, following in her Dad's footsteps, is seeking a career in music. At times Jerry's family joins him on the stage, singing along with him.

Mr. Reed, president of Jerry Reed Enterprises in Nashville, Tennessee, has expanded his activities to include movies. "Smokey and the Bandit" is an action-packed movie starring Burt Reynolds, Sallie Fields, and Jerry Reed.



Jerry Reed

Submitted by Tom Daugherty

Earle Benton Reeves



Earle Benton Reeves was born to George and Lavonia Reeves March 16, 1894, in Rico community. On February 20, 1926, he married Josie Chapman, the Rico school teacher from Tallapoosa. They built their home on land adjacent to George Reeves. There they farmed and reared two sons, Earle Felton and William Donald.

Submitted by Elizabeth C. Reeves

Earle Benton and Josie Reeves photographed on their wedding day.

Earle Felton Reeves, Sr.

Earle Felton Reeves, Sr., was born in Rico Community, February 11, 1927, to Earle Benton Reeves and Josephine Chapman Reeves. Dr. Tanner delivered Earle in the same house that Earle Felton Reeves, Jr., "Rocky," now resides with his wife Mickie. Earle died in June 31, 1975, and was buried near his father and grandfather in Rico Cemetery. He attended Rico School, Campbell High School, and Emory University, completing each with an outstanding record. While at Emory he met Betty Carroll, and they married June 23, 1945. Her folks on her father's side were Carrolls, Atkinsons, and Harts from around Madison, Georgia. Her mother came from Decatur, Alabama. After the

Betty and Earle Reeves on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Their children are Rocky and Mike, Claire and Pat.



Earles completed Emory, they settled in Rico.

They had four children. Patricia Ann married Kenneth Casey and their children are Bonnie Lynn, James Robert "Tripp," Kirk, Chad, and Pam. Edith Claire married Rodney Williams and their children are Natalie, John Jeffery, and Nathan Benton. Earle Felton, Jr. "Rocky" married Mickalee Palmer. Michael Evans married Linda Walkemeyer.

Earle Felton Reeves, Sr., was employed by Sears Roebuck for twenty-seven years. He was Sunday

School Superintendent and Building Committee Chairman for Providence Baptist Church. There is a plaque in the church dedicating the new wing of the church to Earle.

After son "Rocky" graduated from Georgia Tech, he founded Home Grown Industries of Georgia, Inc., doing business as Mellow Mushroom, in which a number of the family are involved.

Submitted by Betty Carroll Reeves

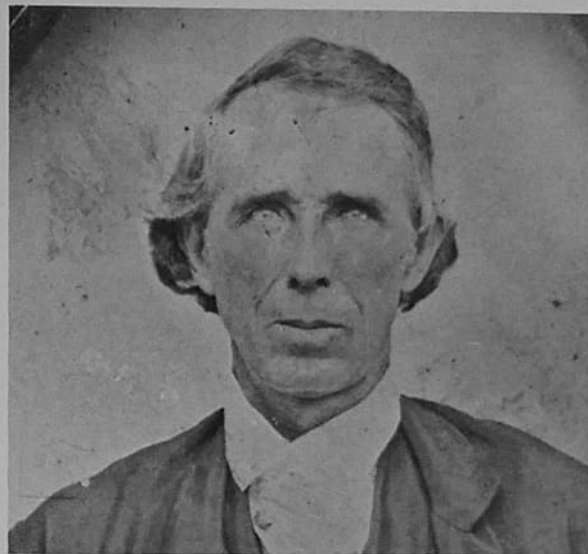
Franklin Reeves Family

Franklin Reeves, the son of Eli Reeves and Nancy Steed, was born about 1821 in North Carolina. He married Jane Stipes, daughter of Henry Stipes and Nancy Lambkin, who came to America from Holland. After their marriage, Franklin and Jane lived in Goodes community and were members of the New Hope Methodist Church, where they are buried.

Their children were Eli, Martha, John, Tom, Dow, Alonzo, Adelaide, George, Jimmy, Mary, and William.

One daughter of Franklin and Jane was Martha Elizabeth Reeves, who was born on November 18, 1847, and died on May 27, 1939. She was married in Campbell County on December 26, 1867, to John Calvin Smith. She was a member of the New Hope Methodist Church, but was later a charter member of the Rico Methodist Church, where she belonged until her death. The children of Martha Reeves and John Calvin Smith were Georgia Elora, Henry Rufus, Charles Edgar, Benjamin Alonza, Estelle Elizabeth, James Burnett, Sarah Jane, Lucy Blanche, Julia Tessie, and John Calvin Jr.

Submitted by Lanny Cauthen



Franklin Reeves-1821-1906

George B. Reeves Family

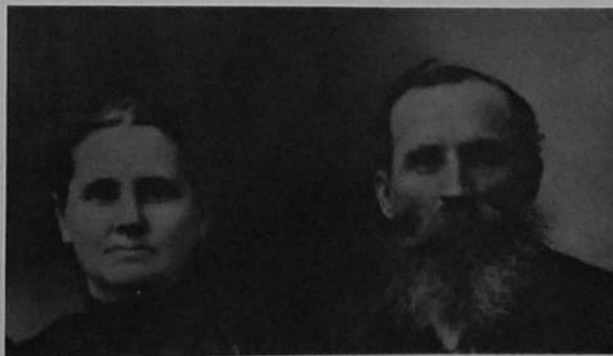
George Benton Reeves was born to Frank and Jane Reeves in Rico Community on January 10, 1856. He married Lavonia Francis McMillian on February 7, 1862. After the birth of their first child in 1878, they moved into their own home in Rico. There they farmed and raised ten children: nine daughters, and one son.

The children were Evelyne V., Myrtle F. (nine children), Stella E. (two children), Buena E. (three children), S. Tomie (two children), Vera T. (two children), Earle B. (two children), Rebecca Irene (one child), Georgia Lucille, and Abbie F.

Abbie married Hubert Shell on December 14, 1940. They still live in the house in Rico in which Abbie and eight of the other children were born.

George Benton was a deacon in the Providence Baptist Church for many years.

Lavonia and George Reeves



Submitted by Elizabeth C. Reeves

Gordon Reeves Family

Just a few hundred yards down the road from the Richardson home place, Gordon and "Doll" Reeves lived in a unique square house with a pointed roof. In the spring a beautiful pear tree blossomed in the front yard, domineck chickens voiced their happiness with early morning crowings and cacklings, and even little biddies cheeping.

In the back, Uncle Gordon always had bird dogs in a pen, some usually belonging to other people, as he was an excellent dog trainer. He always came back from his hunting trips with meat for the table. Uncle



Left to right: Mittie Amelia "Doll" born October 31, 1891 and died October 10, 1967; John Gordon who was born November 28, 1887 and died December 31, 1962; Annie Mae who was born October 12, 1912 and James Thomas born November 18, 1921-1977.

Gordon and Aunt Doll lived on the labor from their hands: farming, gardening, chickens, eggs, cows, milk and butter. Aunt Doll was a perfectionist. She churned milk and molded butter. Younger relatives have watched her mold butter for hours, working with it until it was solid, compact and perfect in shape, and then wrapping with greatest care. Uncle Gordon had a specified time that he delivered their goods to regular customers, doing the grocery shopping before returning home. Aunt Doll did not drive and apparently never went to the grocery store in those years.

They had three children: Mae, Charles and Thomas. Charles died as a child. Like his father, Thomas loved hunting. When he was about eighteen, he went to work with Westinghouse. He became a skilled electric mechanic. At the time of his death in 1977 he was still with Westinghouse in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren.

Mae, characterized by her niece as the most modest lady I know, married John Landers, a neighbor. (See John Alfred Landers, Jr., Family)

This family will long be remembered. (Also see the Hill A. Richardson Family)

Submitted by a niece, Elizabeth (Morris) Swanson

Mannie Clifford Reeves, Sr., Family

Mannie Clifford Reeves, Sr., and Estelle Blissitt were married December 19, 1909. They bought a farm and settled in the Rico community, Palmetto, Georgia. Mannie Clifford Reeves, Sr., born August 22, 1883, in Rico, was the son of Dow and Sallie Hattaway Reeves. Estelle Blissitt, born March 9, 1891, in Douglas County, Georgia, was the daughter of William H. and Lilla Blissitt.

They had three children: Sarah Evelyn, Mannie C., Jr., and Julian Dow.

Mannie C., Jr., who married Virginia Catherine Recker of Baltimore, Maryland, still lives at the Reeves home where he was born.

Julian Dow married Virley Dufrene of New Orleans, Louisiana.

Evelyn married Robert Graydon Mauldin of Atlanta, Georgia. There are no grandchildren.

In addition to farming, Mannie operated a dairy for over thirty years. Mannie and Estelle lived to celebrate their sixty-third wedding anniversary December 19, 1972. They were active members and leaders in the Providence Baptist Church. Mannie died April 12, 1973. Estelle died January 30, 1976. They are buried in the Rico Cemetery in Rico. Mannie C., Jr., and Julian Dow are both veterans of World War II.

The Mannie C. Reeves, Sr., Family gathered for a family photograph Christmas, 1952. They are shown, left to right, front row; Estelle Reeves, Mannie C. Reeves, Sr.; second row, Catherine Virginia Reeves, Julian Dow Reeves, Virley Reeves; third row, Evelyn Reeves Mauldin, Clifford Reeves, and Graydon Mauldin.



Submitted by Evelyn Reeves Mauldin

Harold Eugene Richardson Family

Harold Eugene Richardson is the son of Mathew Levi Richardson and Betty Lou Parrott and was born on October 25, 1913.

Harold married Frances Virginia Hyde of Newnan, Georgia, on November 23, 1934. They had four children: Betty Anne, who was born September 5, 1935; Gladys Virginia, who was born March 6, 1937; Sara Corine, who was born October 11, 1940; and Alvin Levi, who was born October 10, 1941, and died October 11, 1941.

They lived in Palmetto for a number of years and

then moved to East Point in May, 1953, where they lived until they moved to Tampa, Florida, in June 1960.

Betty Anne married Howard Gene Bradley on September 5, 1953; Gladys Virginia married William Russell on May 10, 1957; and Sara Corine married Charles Marvin Teal on April 18, 1959. Harold passed away on June 29, 1973. Frances still makes her home in Tampa.

Submitted by Corine Teal and Betty Ann Bradley

Henry Horace Richardson Family

Uncle Horace and Aunt Allie began their life together in Palmetto, where three of their children, Christine, Hill Andrew and Frances Ophelia, were born. Christine, born September 16, 1920, died March 26, 1921, and Frances, born May 27, 1927, died August 1, 1929. Horace and Allie moved to Douglasville in 1929 and two more children—Jack Hulet and Mack Hamilton—were born to them.

Living in Douglasville are Hill, who has been recently widowed and has four children, and Jack, who is married and has two children. Mack, who is married and has three children, lives in Jacksonville, Florida. Horace was elected a deacon of Ramah Church in Palmetto at age eighteen. Shortly after moving to Douglasville, he and Aunt Allie became charter members of Community Grove Baptist Church, where they are diligent workers. Uncle Horace, spending many hours in home Bible study, has taught many Bible Classes.

During the 40's and 50's, Uncle Horace drove to Palmetto each Friday night, conducting prayer meetings in many homes of the Goodes/Rico/Palmetto communities. These prayer meetings were an inspiration to those attending. The young people looked forward to "Friday Night Prayer Meeting," which was a social outlet for them as well as a source of the spiritual guidance they received. Many hosts, not having enough chairs to seat everyone, dragged out the lard

cans and placed a board, covered with a handmade quilt, on them for seating. After prayer meeting was over, the young people planned the Saturday Night Party while old folks visited with one another.

Uncle Horace is now retired, after successful endeavors in the lumber, farm, dairy and realty businesses. Aunt Allie, at age seventy-seven milks four cows daily, churns and sells the milk. As a young man, Uncle Horace was well known for his physical strength. It has been reported that he could lift the back of a car unaided.

(Also see Hill A. Richardson Family)

Submitted by Berta Bradley



Left to right, Jack, born August 24, 1931; Horace holding Mack, who was born May 11, 1936; Allie, who was born November 27, 1901; and Hill, born June 12, 1922 standing in rear.

Hill Andrew Richardson Family

Hill Andrew Richardson was born March 7, 1860, and died March 22, 1918. Amelia Margaret (Port) Richardson was born March 15, 1867, and died November 12, 1944. Hill and Amelia were married on March 1, 1883. They had three sons and five daughters. It has been reported many times that all of the Richardson girls were beautiful young ladies. Their children, oldest to youngest, and the individuals they married are listed below:

Rachel Elizabeth (Lizzie) married Charles David Hopkins on November 10, 1901; Susan Frances (Fannie)

married Willis Dempsey Johnston on July 31, 1907; Levi Matthew (Matt) first married Betty Lou Parrott on December 29, 1909 and later married Opal Grace Phillips on April 30, 1922; Mittie Amelia (Doll) married John Gordon Reeves on August 16, 1911; Minnie Mae (Sweetie) married Willie Frank Morris on September 21, 1913; Thomas G. Hugh (Tom) married Annie Lizzie Smith on April 24, 1929; Henry Horace (Horace) married Annie Jane Shell on November 30, 1922; and Aurora Hunt (Lolie) married Claude Culbreath Cooper on July 8, 1922.



Hill A. Richardson Family

The Richardson home stands about two miles west of Palmetto on Hutcheson Ferry Road. It can be identified by a huge oak and a magnolia in the front yard. The magnolia tree was planted by Aunt Fannie when she was a child. Today, the home is occupied by Berta (Richardson) Bradley and her daughter, Karen.

Aunt Doll told that she was given the honor of washing her father's neck and ears when he was getting ready for church. I suppose he thought that this task gave her as a child, great pleasure. That would have been when he was about thirty-eight to forty

years old. Back then they went to church only once a month, but on both Saturday and Sunday.

His daughter, "Sweetie," said that her father always saw to it that they had an "eating-good" Christmas. Uncle Horace said that he would fill the house with oranges, grapes, and pounds and pounds of candy, and would bring from the cellar Yates apples stored from their orchard.

On visits, as a child, Elizabeth, a granddaughter, always slept with Uncle Tom—that was before he married. Of course, if another cousin "venched" first, she had to wait her turn. Granny would have fried chicken or ham, gravy and biscuits for breakfast, bountiful vegetables and cornbread at noon, and buttermilk and leftover cornbread for supper. After a late afternoon fishing trip to the pond, it was "plenty" good.

Submitted by a granddaughter, Elizabeth (Morris) Swanson

John Anderson Richardson Senior Family

John Anderson Richardson was born on June 11, 1926, at the family home on Hutcheson Ferry Road to Opal Grace Phillips and Levi Matthew Richardson. He was named for Captain John Anderson Richardson of the Confederate Army. He began first grade at Palmetto Mill School and in 1933 transferred to the new Charles E. Riley School. School years were spent doing the usual farm chores, as well as being an active participant in the 4-H Club, where he earned many club honors. Free time was spent hunting, rais-



John Richardson Family. Standing, Andy, Carla and Dee. Seated, Sara Ann, John and granddaughter, April.

ing and training beagles, and visiting his many relatives and neighbors. In September of 1943 John joined Ramah Baptist Church while Judson Jones was pastor. He has remained active in the church and was ordained as deacon in 1959. The period from January 1945 through 1947 was spent in the Merchant Marines. He returned home to farm and began a dairy. On December 18, 1948, he married Sara Ann Jackson, and they moved to Atlanta in 1950. He began employment with Delta Airlines on September 25, 1951. In November of 1951, during the Korean conflict, he entered the Navy and was stationed at the Atlanta Naval Air Station until November of 1953. During 1953 John bought a hundred-acre farm on Old Jenkins Road (now Phillips) and built a house, moving in during November of 1953. John and Sara Ann have one son, John Anderson, Jr. (Andy), born August 1, 1956, and one daughter, Maria Dee, born November 20, 1959. Andy married Carla Allen Daniel on July 25, 1974. They have one daughter, April Diana. Dee married Donald Bowen on June 2, 1979. Dee and Andy live in the Palmetto area. (Also see Levi Matthew Richardson Family)

Submitted by John Richardson

John Anderson "Andy" Richardson, Jr., Family

"Andy" Richardson, son of John A. and Sara Ann Richardson, was born on August 1, 1956. He was educated at Charles E. Riley Elementary, Palmetto, Woodward Academy, College Park and Palmetto High School, from which he graduated in 1974.

On July 25, 1974, "Andy" married Carla Allene Daniel at Ramah Baptist Church in Palmetto. They

have one child, April Diana, born on January 14, 1975. Another child is expected in December of 1979.

"Andy" served in the United States Air Force from November, 1974 to May, 1977. He took his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. He went from Lackland to Lowry AFB in Colorado, where he received his training as a Weapons Maintenance

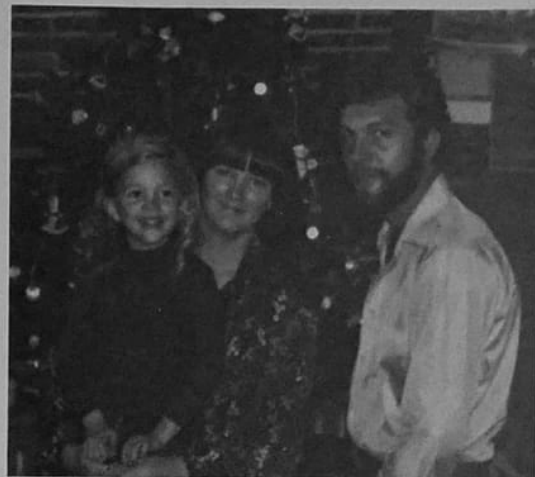
Technician. He was later stationed at Cannon AFB in Clovis, New Mexico. In August of 1975 "Andy" moved his family to Clovis, where he lived until his separation from the Air Force in May of 1977.

"Andy" and his family later moved into a house which he moved onto his parents' land on Phillips Road in 1977. The renovation of this house has become a family project, turning just another house into a home they both love.

"Andy" has been a member of Ramah Baptist Church since childhood, and his family now attend regularly.

"Andy" has been self-employed since May of 1977 in the Backhoe and Landscaping business.

Submitted by Carla D. Richardson



Andy and Carla Richardson are shown in a recent picture with their daughter, Carla.

Levi Matthew Richardson Family

Levi Matthew, a serious young man, was born November 24, 1888, to Hill and Amelia (Port) Richardson. Having lived with his parents until the age of twenty-one, he married Betty Lou Parrot. To this union was born Harold Eugene on October 25, 1913. In 1919 Matt purchased land on Hutcheson Ferry Road from his father and built a small house. This land lay in the valley, towards Palmetto, adjoining his parent's property. On February 20, 1921, the frail but talented Betty Lou died of pneumonia.

Hard times came and the heart-broken Matt became more serious. On April 30, 1922, he married the youngest daughter of Leonard A. and Emma (Gullatt) Phillips, Opal Grace, born December 13, 1896. Of this union came Mary Ruth, born January 30, 1924; John Anderson, born June 11, 1926; and Emma Nell, born January 8, 1931.

During these depression years the family was forced to move several times as Matt sought employment to support his growing family. Returning home, the hard-working Matt sustained his family with his farming. Well known for his farming, clearing of new ground, and soil preservation, he instilled in his children a love of nature and an endurance for hard work. Many days they worked side by side in the fields, breaking at noon to eat the basket lunch prepared by Opal in the early morning hours.

Every February Opal would say of the old folks, "If we can make it through February, we can March on through." On February 12, 1966, Opal ended her walk on earth. It was on the anniversary of the death of her father, Leonard, that she, at age sixty-nine, was laid to rest at Ramah Baptist Cemetery.

Five years later, at the age of eighty-two, Matt joined his two wives, Betty Lou and Opal, his grave resting between theirs. The date was May 27, 1971.

(Also see Hill A. Richardson Family)

Submitted by Nell Richardson Astin, daughter.

Matt and Opal on their wedding day



Matt and Betty Lou

Robert Lewis Richardson Family

Bob was born January 3, 1931, to Thomas GeHugh and Annie Smith Richardson. He attended Charles E. Riley School and Campbell High, graduating in 1948. At the age of sixteen, upon the death of his father, Bob became the "man of the house," operating the family dairy for the next several years. He served on the Palmetto Police force for a short time and also was mail carrier. Though he served in the Army for a

short time, hardships brought him home. In 1957 he began a career with Delta Air Lines, where he is still employed.

A confirmed bachelor for many years, Bob met and married Sara Elizabeth Youngblood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Youngblood of Adrian, Georgia. The ceremony was at the Soperton Methodist Church in Soperton, Georgia. Shortly after their marriage they

Bob and Sara Richardson and children, Robert, Martha and Trudie are pictured at their home in July of 1979.



Submitted by the Bob Richardson Family

moved into their own home on Hutcheson Ferry Road, built on a tract of the Richardson property. Sara, a graduate of Womans College of Georgia, taught school prior to their marriage and continued her career at Charles E. Riley School until the birth of their first child.

Charles Hugh, born October 29, 1964, left his saddened parents on February 16, 1965. Charles, born with spina bifida, is buried at Holly Hills Memorial Gardens in Fairburn. Later came other children: Martha Elizabeth, born June 30, 1966; Robert Thomas, born February 16, 1968; and Trudie Ann, born November 15, 1973.

Bob and his family attend Ramah Baptist Church, where Sara is in charge of the children's activities. Sara is also very active in P.T.A. activities and Cub Scouting.

Thomas GeHugh Richardson Family

Tom brought his bride, Annie, on their wedding night to Palmetto, beginning their life together in the home of Tom's mother. Annie was the daughter of Robert Littleton and Sarah Alberta (Carmichael) Smith of Sharpsburg, Georgia. They had four children: Robert Lewis (Bob), born January 1, 1931; Sarah Alberta (Berta), born August 17, 1932; Tom Tolbert, born October 13, 1935; and Mary Ann, born August 24, 1938, at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta. The other three children were born at home.

Operating a dairy farm, the entire family worked together. While Tom and Annie milked the cows, Granny and the children gathered the eggs, filled the stovewood box, and performed other chores. As the children grew older, they helped with the dairy, picked cotton, hoed corn or did other farm tasks. A family trip to the pond for fishing or swimming in the late afternoon was a treat. (Also see memorial page—Hill A. Richardson House on the Hill.)

Depression years brought hardships and heartaches to many in the late twenties and early thirties. Added to this for Tom and Annie were several tragedies. In September, 1939, while the senior Tom was cutting oats with a mower, the younger Tom walked into the field to ride with daddy. Not seeing his child, senior Tom heard a scream; the mower had amputated younger Tom's left leg. In October of 1939 Mary Ann, only fourteen months old, grabbed a skillet of hot chicken grease from the stove and spilled the grease on her face, neck and arms, leaving second and third

degree burns. Through all this, neighbors and family were extremely good to the Tom Richardsons.

Many people have spoken to Berta of her Daddy's love for his home, wife and children. He seldom, if ever, left home overnight. Annie's devotion was un-failing. Very few, if any, Christmases did she have an opportunity to spend with her side of the family. Despite all tragedies, their love for people was reflected in many ways to their children, relatives and friends.

Tom (March 12, 1897-May 30, 1947) and Annie (November 28, 1897-September 29, 1972) are buried at Ramah Baptist Church Cemetery.

(Also see Hill A. Richardson Family)

Lovingly submitted by their daughter,
Berta R. Bradley



Left to right, seated, Bob holding Mary Ann, Berta and Tom standing. Tom born March 12, 1897 and died May 30, 1947. Annie born November 28, 1897 and died September 29, 1972.

Grant Roberts Family

Eliza Garland Davenport, daughter of William and Elizabeth Sydnor Andrew Davenport was born January 13, 1822. On November 3, 1842, she married Grant

Roberts, who was born November 29, 1804.

Their children were James Osgood, who married Julia A. Abbott; Julia I., who married Joel Smith; Eu-

gene S., who married Emma Wright; George Pierce, who married Lina Culpepper; Allelia Turner, who first married John Bond and later Joel Jeffcoat; Henry Buscome, who married Lou Camp; Thomas Sandford, who married Ada Wright; Sidney, who married Venie Moore; Oscar Edwin, who married Sarah Agnes Wilkinson; and Harold Hope, who married Lucile Newman.

Grant Roberts died March 16, 1888; Eliza Davenport Roberts died October 10, 1890, in Whitesburg, Carroll County, Georgia.

Submitted by Nellie Keith



Sydney Roberts, son of Eliza Davenport and Grant Roberts, married Venie Moore.

Robinson Family

James N. Robinson was born November 11, 1834, in Coweta County, Georgia. He was a farmer. He was married to Martha Murry, born November 11, 1835. They had two sons, Robert A. and John Pell, and one daughter, Nancy.

One son, John Pell Robinson, was born March 17, 1868, in Campbell County. He lived at the Robinson Home on Atlanta-Newnan Road in the Goodes community for ninety-six of the one hundred six years of his life. He was a farmer.



John Pell Robinson on his one-hundredth birthday.

Pell married Harriette Riley (Hattie) Collins in the fall of 1905. Hattie was born January 12, 1886. They had two children: James Hewitte, born October 25, 1906, and Sara, born March 9, 1912. Pell died December 30, 1974, and Hattie died January 7, 1962.

Sara was married to Charles E. Davis. They had one son, Charles E. Davis, Jr. Sara died February 13, 1965.

Hewitte married Anne W. McCrary March 29, 1935. Anne still lives at the Robinson home place on Atlanta-Newnan Road. Hewitte died October 14, 1968. Hewitte and Anne had four children: Sarah Ann Alford, Harriette Williams, Pelham H. Robinson, and Molcie L. Trimble.

Sara Ann married Paul A. Alford June 10, 1956. They have three children: Paula, Robert, and Dan. Harriette married Richard Williams. They have two children, Elaine and Johnny. Pelham married Olivia Hunnicutt April 1, 1966. They have two children, Shanon and Sloan. Molcie married H. Benson Trimble, Jr., March 22, 1969. They have two children, H. Benson III and James Collins.

Submitted by Sara Ann Alford

James N. Robinson Family

Shortly after the close of the Civil War, James N. Robinson and his bride, the former Martha Murray, came to Georgia from North Carolina. They settled in the Goodes vicinity a few miles west of Palmetto. They had four children: Robert, Pell, Nancy, and William.

In 1902 Robert was married to Mattie Gullatt, daughter of Otis and Mary Gullatt, who were prominent residents of the Rico community. Robert and Mattie had two children, Jim and Janie.

In 1926 Jim was married to Maggie Waldrop, daughter of Marvin and Sallie Waldrop, who were well-known residents of old Campbell County. In

Whittlers have their place in the Keith store. Here two brothers, Pell and Robert Robinson, are busy at it.



1932 Jim and Maggie moved to Fairburn, where they have lived since. They are members of the Fairburn United Methodist Church. They have two daughters, Peggie Cofield, of Jacksonville, Florida, and Sarah Gore, of Hapeville, Georgia. They have four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

From 1938 until 1945 Jim was a member of the Fairburn Police Department. He then worked as a Revenue Agent for the Georgia Department of Revenue

until his retirement in 1969. They both keep quite busy with their vegetable garden.

Mrs. Sallie Waldrop, Maggie's mother, makes her home with Jim and Maggie. She is ninety-seven years old and is the oldest member of New Hope Methodist Church.

Submitted by Maggie Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Rodgers, Sr.

Charles E. Rodgers, Sr., was born in Palmetto, on February 3, 1906, in the Slatton House on Main Street. He was the third son of his parents, G. I. Rodgers and Molly Rodgers. They moved to Riverview, Alabama, then to Manchester, Georgia, and finally back to Palmetto in 1922.

Charlie married Mamie Ethel Farr in 1929. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Farr, of Fayette County, Georgia. Charlie and Ethel had three children, Charles, Jr., Barbara, and Jimmy. Both Charlie and Ethel took jobs at Palmetto Cotton Mills, where they worked until the mill closed. Charlie was a loom fixer in the weave room, and Miss Ethel worked in the spinning room. Miss Ethel is well remembered for being such a good cook, and no one ever left her house hungry. Charlie left his family and many friends with a lot of happy memories of fishing and hunting and a great love of outdoor life. Miss Ethel died on February 25, 1978, and thirteen months later Charlie died on March 20, 1979.



Charlie and Ethel

Submitted by Mrs. Barbara Laster

George Irb Rodgers

George Irb Rodgers was born January 2, 1878 in Sweetwater, Tennessee. His parents moved to Senioia, Georgia, and he lived there until age seventeen. He worked in the state of Texas in the oil fields for several years and then moved to River View, Alabama and became a textile worker.

He met and married Mary Elizabeth Anthony (born Oct. 25, 1875) in Riverview. They had nine children: Katie Lou (died at age 4), Wyatt, Linnie, Lurline, Roy, Charlie, Mildred, Mary Jo, and Irma.

Irb and "Miss Molly," as she was called, came to Palmetto in the early 1900's. He worked in the Palmetto Cotton Mill as Weave Room overseer during the early years of the mill and raised his children here. He loved the outdoors and was a great bird hunter and fisherman.

Miss Molly's twenty grandchildren all remember the good times at Grandma's house. Her favorite pastime was to gather as many children up in the neighborhood as she could find and take them for long

walks out in the woods to look for wild flowers.

Irb and Molly were members of Ramah Baptist Church. He died April 5, 1943, and she died January 18, 1950. They are buried at Floral Hill Cemetery in Palmetto.

Submitted by Carole Harper

"Miss Molly" and seven of her children—clockwise: Wyatt (holding rifle), Mary Jo (baby), Mildred, Lurline, Linnie, Roy, and Charlie (center).



Jimmy Douglas Rodgers Family

Jimmy Rodgers was born February 16, 1942, the third child of Charlie and Ethel Rodgers. He was educated at Riley Elementary and Campbell High in Fairburn.

On May 10, 1963, he married Beverly Barge of Coweta County. She was born July 28, 1941, the daughter of Hulite and Virginia Shaw Barge. Beverly attended schools at Madras Elementary and Newnan

High School.

Jimmy is a self-employed machinist. Beverly has been working for Southern Saw Service since 1965.

Their two children are Anna Maria, who was born April 6, 1966, and Zebulon Farr, who was born November 22, 1978.

Jimmy and Beverly live at 601 Main Street in what was the old Slaton home.

Submitted by Jimmy D. Rodgers

Wyatt D. Rodgers Family

Wyatt D. Rodgers, son of George Irby Rodgers and Mary Elizabeth Anthony, was born on December 15, 1900, in Riverview, Alabama. His wife, Eddie Maxine Jackson Rodgers, daughter of Edward Evans Jackson and Effie Elizabeth Slaton, was born on May 4, 1913, in Tyrone, Georgia. Both Wyatt and Maxine came to Palmetto when they were teenagers, met, and married on August 16, 1934. Wyatt, who died in 1968, worked for Palmetto Cotton Mills, Inc., and Bradley's Supermarket. He was an active Mason and enjoyed playing for and managing the Palmetto baseball team. Maxine resides on Cranford Street where she has lived for forty-four years. In addition to part-time work at Palmetto Grocery, Maxine finds gratification in the antics of her parakeet Stinker and in sewing, her latest project being a cathedral-window quilt.

One daughter, Anita Laverne, was born in Palmetto on June 25, 1937, and one son, Wyatt, Jr., was born and died on July 6, 1939. Laverne attended Georgia State and Auburn Universities and is now employed as a staff secretary at Auburn University. She married Charles Lamar (Sam) Phillips in 1955 in Missouri, where he was stationed during his army service. Sam studied electrical engineering at Georgia Tech and received his PH.D. there in 1963. He has been a professor at Auburn University since 1964.

Sam and Laverne have three children. Susan Ellen was born in 1959 in Palo Alto, California and is a senior majoring in education at Auburn. Charles Wyatt (Chuck) was born in 1960 in Opelika, Alabama, and is a freshman at Auburn. Carole Anita was born in East Point, Georgia, in 1964 and is a sophomore at Scott Preparatory in Auburn.

Submitted by Maxine J. Rodgers



Chuck, Laverne, Susie, Sam, and Carole Phillips

Ruth Boynton Russell

Uncle Rob, Aunt Ruth, Doug, Shirley and Gail



Ruth Boynton Russell is the oldest daughter of John T. and Julia P. Boynton. She attended school in 1927 in Palmetto and then attended Charles E. Riley also in Palmetto. She last attended Madras School, Madras, Georgia. She married James R. Russell of Palmetto, a veteran of World War II, having served from 1942 until 1945, when he received an honorable discharge. He was a long distance truck driver employed by the William L. Bonnell Company of Newnan, Georgia, until he became disabled. James and Ruth were active members of Faith Mission Baptist Church in Newnan until 1976, when they made their home in

East Point. A year later James passed away on January 29, 1977 and was buried at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens in Fairburn.

Ruth has three children. Her oldest son by a previous marriage is Douglas Meeks, of Atlanta. He has four daughters, all of Newnan. Their names are Donna, Debbie, Patricia, and Nancy. Ruth's daughter Shirley Quick, who lives in College Park, is married to Albert Quick and they have three children: Robin,

Gene, and Michael. Her youngest daughter is Gail Costley, whose husband is W. T. Costley Jr. They have two children, Tracie and Stacey.

Ruth now lives with her youngest daughter and her family in East Point. Ruth says that she is very thankful for such wonderful parents, children and grandchildren.

Submitted by Ruth Boynton Russell

Ralph Jason Scoggins Family

Ralph Jason and Lois Era Scoggins moved in 1950 to Palmetto where they purchased the Condor Farm on Roscoe Road.

Ralph Jason Scoggins was born August 19, 1893, the son of John E. and Ila Jane Scoggins, in Gainesville, Hall County, Georgia. He was married January 24, 1926, to Lois Era Dove, the daughter of J. H. and Buehlah Dove. Lois was born December 16, 1906, in Gwinnett County. They have two children, Ralph E. Scoggins and Ila Jean Teague.

Ralph E. Scoggins married Nancy Fomby, and they live on Waterworks Road with their daughter Julie. Jean and Buddy Teague live on Waterworks Road. They have two children, Berenda and Dexter.

Ralph Jason Scoggins was a veteran of World War One. He served in the famed "Rainbow Division" as a medic under Dr. Powell. He served in 1917 in France, where he saw action in Lorraine. He also fought in Germany in Meuse-Argonne Forest. He was honorably discharged.

Ralph and Lois Scoggins



Submitted by Jean Teague

Mrs. Susan Camella Thames Seymour

Mrs. Seymour was born in 1874 on a farm in Clayton County, three miles south of Hapeville. Her father, the Reverend William Thames, was a private in the War of 1812 and cooked for the company. Mr. Thames built the family homestead on 500 acres granted to him by the government at the end of the war. Mrs. Seymour often recalled her father talking of when General Sherman's soldiers slept on the porch. Her father died in 1892 at the age of ninety-six. Mrs. Seymour was Georgia's last surviving daughter of a Veteran of the War of 1812.

Mrs. Seymour married Mr. D. F. Seymour at the age of nineteen and they had seven children. In 1931 she bought a house and one hundred acres of land for \$600.00 at Goodes community. She did work as a nurse. Mrs. Seymour later sold her farm and moved to Palmetto. She remained active up until her death. Mrs. Seymour was a devoted member of Palmetto Baptist Church. She died April 11, 1958, at the age of eighty-five. She was survived by three daughters: Mrs. Ila Cochran, Palmetto; Mrs. Lyra Purcell, Texas;

and Mrs. Edna Purcell, Washington, D. C.; and one son, Mr. Byron Seymour, Palmetto.

Submitted by Mrs. Quinton Shaddix

Susan Seymour



Byron Seymour Family

Byron Seymour, better known as Bee, came to Goodes community from Atlanta with his mother, Mrs. Susan Seymour in 1931. They lived on a hundred-acre farm, for which Mrs. Seymour paid the price of six hundred dollars.

Bee was a licensed electrician, and when the R.E.A. power lines were first built in the country, he helped install electricity in most of the houses in Goodes and Rico communities.

In 1940 he was married to Mary Lucy Stephens of Franklin, Georgia. They continued to make their home in Goodes and were members of Sardis Baptist Church.

In 1942 they had a baby boy who was named David Byron, and in 1946 they had a baby girl named Susan Grace.

In 1969, Bee retired and they moved to 530 Locke Street in Palmetto and joined Palmetto Baptist Church.



Byron and Lucy Seymour

Submitted by Mrs. Quinton Shaddix

Quinton R. Shadix Family

Quinton R. Shadix, born in Douglas County in September 18, 1938, came to Palmetto in 1969 after the marriage to Susan Grace Seymour. Quinton, the son of Kermit and Glennie Ray Shadix, was born and raised in the Bill Arp Community of Douglas County. There were five boys: Virlyn, Quinton, Buck, Ronnie and Philip, and one girl, Melba.

Quinton started work with the International Harvester Company in March, 1958.

Grace was born July 11, 1946, and was raised in the Goodes Community. Her parents were Byron and Lucy Seymour, who also had one son, David.

Quinton purchased land on Hutcheson Ferry Road from his father-in-law and built their home himself. Quinton and Grace are members of Sardis Baptist Church. Two children were born: Susan Amanda, September 27, 1974; and Matthew Thomas, December 19, 1976.

Quinton, Grace, Susan
and Matthew Shadix



Submitted by Grace Seymour Shadix

Joel H. Shannon Family

Mary Overton Davenport, daughter of William and Elizabeth Sydnor Andrew Davenport, was born December 26, 1832. She married Joel H. Shannon.

Their children were Catherine and Charlotte, who

married A. H. Stephen Daveport. Mary Overton Davenport Shannon died in Coweta County, Georgia on June 24, 1878.

Submitted by Nellie Keith

Charlie Shell

Charlie and Evelyn Shell



Charlie Gary Shell, the thirteenth child of Francis Ann Shell and James Parks Shell, was born May 14, 1908, in Goodes community near Palmetto, Georgia. He attended Goodes Elementary School and graduated from Palmetto High in 1928.

The Shell family attended New Hope Methodist Church, where Charlie became a member at the age of thirteen.

On December 23, 1941, Charlie married Evelyn Stephens, the third child of Willie Mae and Amos Stephens of Franklin, Georgia. Evelyn was born December 5, 1916, near Franklin, Georgia, and received her education from the Heard County Schools. She was a member of Antioch Christian Church.

Charlie was affiliated with the United States Government and with Rexall Drugs until his retirement in 1973. Evelyn is employed with Muse's in Atlanta. Both are members of Mary Branan United Methodist Church and are members of the Methodist Men and United Methodist Women Clubs respectively. In his retirement Charlie is an accomplished gardener and Evelyn a seamstress.

After their marriage, Charlie and Evelyn moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where they reside in Sylvan Hills. They have three daughters. Margaret Charlyn, born September 21, 1942, married Rev. Harvey West, pastor of Buford United Methodist Church. They have three children; Mark David, Michael Brian, and Christy Michelle. Janice Linda, born July 1, 1945, married Ray White of Carrollton, and is employed with Delta Airlines. They have three daughters; Jennifer Lynn, Shannon Leigh, Kathy Michelle, and reside in Fairburn, Georgia. Barbara Willene, born February 1, 1948, married Charlie Biggs of Chamblee, and is employed by Raytheon Data Systems. They also reside in Fairburn, Georgia.

Submitted by Charlie G. Shell

George Thomas Shell Family

George Thomas Shell was the sixth child of James Parks Shell, born April 25, 1892, at the Shell home near Goodes, Georgia. He had a normal childhood working on the farm with his father and brothers. He completed high school at Palmetto.

In 1911 George entered Young Harris College with his brother Frank. He was a member of the Phi Chi Debating Society and was remembered as "mischievous." He graduated in 1913 and returned home, where he taught at the County Line School. It was while teaching here that he met his future wife, Millie Ann Kelley, daughter of George William Kelley and Flora Ann Stewart.

In the fall of 1916, George was ordained as a Methodist minister to the North Georgia Conference, and was sent to his first charge at Mesena, Georgia. The following February, he returned home and married his former student, Millie Kelley. Since there was no parsonage at Mesena, the members of his church partitioned an empty store with curtains to serve them as a home.

George took leave from the conference and returned to Emory University to continue his education. During the summer months he, his wife and young daughter lived at the Shell home and George worked at the sawmill with his half-brother, John Shell.

George had two children, a daughter, Emily Kathleen, and a son, George Thomas, Jr. After thirty-six years as a Methodist minister George died of a massive heart attack on November 12, 1952, while living at Crawfordville, Georgia. He was buried at West View Cemetery in Atlanta.

Submitted by George T. Shell, Jr.



Left-right: George, Sr.; Millie; daughter, Kathleen; son, George, Jr., in front photographed in 1943.

Henry Pierce Shell, Jr. Family

Henry Pierce Shell, Jr., was born September 8, 1922, in Palmetto, to Henry Pierce Shell, Sr., and Tessie Mae Peek Shell. He had one sister, Frances Margaret Shell, who died at birth, and he has one brother, James Brown Shell, who now lives in Hampton, Georgia.

Henry, better known around Palmetto as "Junior Shell," married Irene Parker December 25, 1949 and now resides in Red Oak, Georgia. They have one son, Michael Henry, and two daughters, Yvonne Irene and Jennifer Lynn.

Michael married June Freeman and now lives in Fayetteville, Georgia, with their daughter Kimberly Ann and their son Michael David.

Yvonne married Charles Strickland, and they have one son, Adam Marshall. They now reside in Palmetto at the old home place where Junior was born. They attend New Hope United Methodist Church, which makes the fourth generation church member.

Jennifer Lynn, now sixteen years old, is presently attending M. D. Collins High School, where she is a member of the school's drill team.

Henry Pierce Shell, Jr., with his family in a picture taken in 1964. Yvonne, Junior, Irene, Michael, and Jennifer.



Submitted by Yvonne Shell Strickland

Homer Shell Family

Homer Redwine Shell was born October 19, 1888, oldest son of James Parks and Frances Ann Shell of Goodes community, old Campbell County. He was raised in the old Shell homeplace, and educated in the community. He served his country in World War I in the Medical Corps.

On returning from the war, he married Frances Gertrude Price, daughter of Winston Brazil and Juru-sha Ann Price of Bowden, Georgia. Born to this union were five children.



Mr. Homer Shell as a young man.

Submitted by Betty Shell

The oldest, James Winston, perished in a plane crash in the Pacific during World War II. He has one daughter, Sharon Thompson of Fayetteville.

Fred Marion married Eugenia Bobo, and they reside in Roswell. They have two daughters: Kathy Jones, of Monroe, North Carolina, and Peggy Shell, of Athens, Georgia.

Frances Virginia married Grady Bowen of Palmetto. They have twin sons, Donald and David.

Betty Mae is retired from Southern Bell and lives with her mother in Palmetto.

William Homer, the youngest son, also lives in Palmetto.

After returning from the service, Homer became a merchant with C. B. Mosley Company and continued here until 1941, when he was elected City Clerk of Palmetto. He served this post until 1955, when he retired because of ill health. He was a fifty year Mason and secretary of Palmetto Lodge for seventeen years. He was a member of New Hope Church for sixty-two years. Homer lived, worked and shared in Palmetto until his death, April 23, 1964.

Howard Shell Family

Howard Shell was born November 10, 1899, to Tom and Ophelia Shell. He is one of ten children: Emmett died as an infant. The others are Effie, Mamie, Way-

man, Hubert, Howard, Allie, Edna, Curtis, and Mary Kate. Effie and Curtis are deceased.

Howard married Alma Spearman October 9, 1940.

They have two daughters, Patsy and Marylyn. Patsy has one son, Michael; and Marylyn has one son, Scott, and one daughter, Shell. Howard and all his family are members of New Hope United Methodist Church in the Goodes community.

Howard and Alma are still living in the old Tom Shell home place. Howard was born there and has never lived anywhere else.

As a young man, Howard worked at Rogers store in Atlanta, but he has been a farmer most of his life.

Alma has had many jobs. She worked in Alford's store until they retired and sold out. When Palmetto High School opened in 1970, she got a job in the cafeteria and worked there until she retired. Alma's hobbies are piecing and quilting quilts, working a garden, and raising flowers.

Howard and Alma have sold most of their land. Right behind them Jake and Joan Cordle bought and built their home. Where the old Stephen Shell house stood, Bill and Bessie Moore live. Between the Moores and the Shells, Ruth and Robert Barnes bought and built their home. On the hill the other side

of the Moores, Barbara and Rod Brim have bought and are planning on building in the near future. Just across the road, Karlton and Mary Ann Jackson's house is going up. Howard and Alma decided that having good neighbors was better than owning land, so they have sold all the Shell land that is for sale.

Submitted by Alma Shell



The Howard Shell Family are, left to right, Marylyn, Howard, Alma, and Patsy.

James Robert Shell Family

James Robert Shell was born October 19, 1944, to Loy and Polly Shell of Palmetto, Georgia. He has a brother, Joseph Penniston. James graduated from Campbell High School and in 1964 from Reinhardt College. He then went to work for Delta Airlines.

In August, 1964, he married Harriet Wilson, daughter of Harry and Georgina Wilson of Fairburn, Georgia. Harriet has two brothers. Stephen Forrest Wilson married Helen Jones of Atlanta and they have a daughter, April. Her other brother, John Michael Wilson, married Shannon Treadwell of Newnan.

James and Harriet made their home in Goodes community, west of Palmetto. Their first child, Polly Georgina, was still-born. Their son, Robert Jason, was born September 22, 1968. Daphne Lane was born

March 16, 1970, and Stephanie Mischa, November 18, 1971.

They attend New Hope United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Harriet Shell



James Robert, Harriet Wilson, Robert Jason, Daphne Lane, Stephanie Mischa Shell.

Joseph Penniston Shell Family

Joseph Penniston Shell was born April 8, 1947, to Loy and Polly Shell of Palmetto. He has a brother, James Robert, who married Harriet Wilson. They have three children: Jason, Daphne, and Stephanie.

Joseph graduated from Campbell High School of Fairburn in 1965. Then he went on to Reinhardt College, of Waleska, Georgia, from which he graduated in 1967. He then went on to the University of Georgia, where he went for one quarter, and then decided to go into the United States Marines. He joined the Marines in January of 1968, and in January of 1969 he was sent to Viet Nam for one year. He came out of

the Marines in January of 1970 with an Honor Certificate. Soon after he returned home, he started building houses and has continued building ever since.

In December of 1970 Joseph married Brenda Gay, daughter of Edward Gordon and Ruth Hammond of East Point and granddaughter of the Reverend E. Hammond and Florence Sippi Smith of old Campbell County. Brenda has three sisters and one brother.

Joseph and Brenda made their home in Goodes community, west of Palmetto. They are now living in the house of Joseph's parents. They have three children: Simon Penniston, born March 2, 1973; Jolene,

born April 26, 1974; and Joseph "Dana", born October 29, 1976.

They attend New Hope Methodist Church.

Joseph is a very successful skydiver, doing his jumping in Rome, Georgia. He is now a senior at West Georgia College in Carrollton, majoring in sociology.

Brenda graduated in 1969 from Immanuel Christian School and in September, 1970, from Greenleaf College. In June of 1970 she spent three weeks in a tour of the Holy Land with a group from Immanuel Christian Church.

Submitted by Brenda H. Shell

Lee Jefferson Shell

Lee Shell was born October 13, 1903, to James Parks Shell and Frances Ann Shell of Goodes community, Palmetto, Georgia. He had a twin brother, Loy Quillian Shell, and eighteen other brothers and sisters.

Lee went to Goodes Elementary School and Palmetto High School. He attended Monroe A & M College at Monroe, Georgia, for a time. He joined New Hope Methodist Church at an early age and is still an active member and church custodian. Lee came home from school to help his father with the farm. He bought one hundred acres from his father's estate in 1928. He still owns fifty of these acres and the Shell's home is on this property.

November 10, 1929, Lee was married to Mary Jane Wells, daughter of Thomas Haye Wells and Nancy Dorcus Hammond Wells of Griffin, Georgia. Jane is an active member of New Hope Methodist Church, joining soon after she and Lee were married. Their children are Marilee, Nancy Ann, Rachael Kathryn, and James Thomas. Marilee was born June 27, 1932. Her husband is Samuel Henry Long of Elberton, Georgia. She has two daughters by a previous marriage, Tamara Leigh Smith and Bonnie Marie Smith. Nancy Ann was born February 8, 1935. Her husband

Loy Quillian Shell

Loy Shell was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shell of Goodes, Georgia. Loy was the twin brother of Lee Shell and a member of a family of twenty children.

Loy was born October 13, 1903. He graduated from Palmetto High School and attended Monroe College. He lived his entire life in the Goodes community.

On December 24, 1933, Loy married Polly Ann Spivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Spivey of Newnan. Loy was a chicken farmer for twenty-two years, and worked at textiles in Palmetto and in Whitesburg, Georgia.



Joseph Penniston Shell family: Joseph, Brenda, Simon, Jolene, and Joseph, Jr., taken in 1978.

is Phillip Allen Watkins of Fairburn, Georgia. They have two children, Mitchell Allen and Lori Ann. Rachel Kathryn was born May 18, 1938. Her husband is Ronald Julian Lloyd of Palmetto, Georgia. They have two children, Ronald Barronton and Mary Elizabeth. James Thomas Shell was born June 8, 1940. His wife is Jo Ann Johnson Shell. They have two children, Darla Jo and Rhonda Kay, and reside in Peachtree City, Georgia.

Submitted by Jane W. Shell

Lee and Jane Shell



Loy and Polly Shell on their 25th wedding anniversary. James Robert and Joseph Shell



Loy was an active member of New Hope Church. He served as secretary of his church school and Sunday school class, was a member of the official board and a trustee for many years. He attended Sunday school for twenty years without missing a single Sunday. He and his wife were active members of the Epworth League for thirteen years.

James Robert Shell was born to this union on October 19, 1944. He graduated from Campbell High School and Reinhart College. He is an active member of New Hope Church.

On April 8, 1947, another son, Joseph Penniston Shell, was born. He graduated from Campbell High School and Reinhart College. He also attended the University of Georgia, and is a senior at West Georgia College. He served in the U. S. Marine Corps, and is a member of New Hope Church.

Polly Shell served as president of Charles E. Riley and of Campbell High School P.T.A., and was correspondent of Goodes News for the South Fulton Recorder.

Polly was president of the Woman's work of New Hope for fourteen years and served on many other committees as chairman.

Loy and Polly built their brick home in 1940 and paid for it in four years while making four dollars a day at their jobs.

Loy Shell died on May 23, 1974. He left behind his wife, two sons and six grandchildren. Polly now lives at Christian City Retirement Center and is doing volunteer service work for the convalescent center. She is still an active member of New Hope United Methodist Church.

Submitted by Polly Shell

Stephen P. Shell

Stephen P. Shell was born June 7, 1818, and died May 15, 1905. He was the son of George Shell, born December 23, 1780, and Sara Lee Hearn, born March 3, 1799. Stephen had twelve brothers and sisters.

The Shell Family lived in South Carolina until about 1850, when they moved to Franklin County, Georgia. George Shell died October 10, 1861. After his death, Sara Lee Hearn Shell moved her family to Palmetto in Campbell County to live near relatives.

Stephen P. Shell was born in Franklin County, Georgia, but moved to Palmetto in Campbell County with his family after his father's death. He was married by Simon P. Steed to Sara Thomas Smart July 8, 1855. Stephen became a preacher in the Methodist Church and served as a member of the North Georgia Methodist Conference. He was a charter member of New Hope Methodist Church, a circuit rider, and served many churches in Campbell County and surrounding counties. He was known to pan gold in the creeks around Palmetto, and he was also a farmer. When he did not have a mule, he would pull the plow while his wife, whom he called "Sack," plowed the fields.

They had three sons: William A. Shell of Louisiana, James A. Shell of Cannon, Georgia, and J. Thomas

Shell of Palmetto. They also had four daughters: Catherine Shell (Jackson), Adeline Shell (Wilson), Francis Ann (Shell) and Hattie Shell (Jordan). Hattie Shell (Jordan) moved back to Franklin County, but the others lived out their lives near Palmetto in Campbell County.

The Shell Reunion, which is held the last Sunday in July each year in the Goodes community near Palmetto, is in honor of the descendants of the Reverend Stephen P. Shell.

Submitted by Andrew Felton Shell



Reverend Stephen Shell and wife Sarah

Thomas Shell Family

The Reverend Stephen Shell was born June 7, 1818 and died May 5, 1905. He came to Palmetto from Franklin County, Canon, Georgia. Later he moved to Palmetto as local Methodist preacher and married Sarah T. Smart, who came from Montgomery County, North Carolina. Sarah was born October 21, 1835, and died September 16, 1909.

One of their sons was John Thomas, who was born

November 15, 1865 and died May 4, 1940. A blacksmith and farmer, he married Martha Ophelia Hodge, who was born February 29, 1872, and died April 2, 1941. Their children were as follows.

Effie Shell was born December 29, 1889, and died in 1960. She married Henry Hilton, who operated a cotton gin and a shoe shop. They had two girls.

Mamie Shell was born May 16, 1891. Her first hus-

band was T. H. Pierce who worked as a Fulton County employee. They had eleven children. Mamie's second husband was E. J. McGinnis, a farmer.

Wayman Henry Potter Shell was born September 3, 1895. A bookkeeper and T.V. repairman, he married Nellie Mae Kelley, who was born November 14, 1895, and died December 25, 1974. They had three children. His second wife is Elizabeth Louise Allen, who was born July 17, 1917.

Hubert B. Shell was born October 3, 1897, and is a cattle farmer. He married Abbie Reeves.

Howard Shell was born November 10, 1899, and is a farmer. He married Alma Spearman, who was born June 29, 1910. They have two children.

Allie Jane Shell was born November 27, 1901. She married Horace H. Richardson, who was born November 13, 1899. He is a cattle farmer. Allie and Horace have five children.

Edna Shell was born October 29, 1904. She married Hugh Gardner, who was born November 11, 1899, and died January 1, 1975. He was a school teacher. Edna and Hugh had three children.

Submitted by W. H. P. Shell and Mary Kate Floyd

Curtis Shell was born April 7, 1907, and died July 19, 1975. A Bamby Bakery salesman, he married Mae Gardner, who was born March 5, 1907. Their one child, Julia, was born April 5, 1931.

Emmett Wm. Shell was born September 22, 1910, and died June 14, 1912.

Mary Kate Shell was born December 24, 1912. She first married Louis Barnes, who was born November 20, 1909, and died January 9, 1966. Her second husband, Arnold Floyd, was born June 5, 1906.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shell

William Frank Shell Family

William Frank Shell is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Shell of Goodes, Georgia in Fulton County. He was born February 11, 1890, and died January 5, 1951. He attended school in Goodes and later graduated from Young Harris College and the University of Georgia. He was a World War I Veteran. At the close of the War he attended a university in France and majored in architecture.

He married Minnie Lee McWhorter, of Comer, Georgia on January 10, 1920. He was an insurance executive in Atlanta until his health failed. Then he used his architectural abilities by building fine homes in Atlanta. He and his wife were very active members in their church.

Minnie Lee Shell was a social worker in Atlanta. They had a little girl still born to this union. On August 21, 1928, a son was born and was given his fa-

ther's name, William Frank, Jr. After graduating from high school, Frank, Jr., attended the University of Georgia and later graduated from the University of Chicago. He taught two years in the Darlington School in Rome, Georgia.

Frank Jr. then studied medicine at Emory University, and served internship at Grady Hospital and Georgia Baptist Hospital. For a few years he did research in the primate laboratory in Orange Park, Florida. The government gave a big grant to Tulane University to build a primate research center in Covington, Louisiana. Dr. Frank Shell spent the remaining part of his life in research. He also was President of the Shell's Historical Family Tree. On November 21, 1975, when Frank was forty-seven, Jesus called him home. He, his father, his mother, and his little sister are all buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Atlanta.

Submitted by Aunt Polly Shell

George Travis Simpson Family

George Travis Simpson was born to George Clark and Ella Jane Simpson on March 28, 1906, in old Campbell County, which is known today as Fulton County.

George and Ella lived on a farm with their ten children: Otis, Wayman, Travis, Grady, Dorsey, Ruty, Ina, Nolie, Lola and Minnie. Both parents and three of the children, Travis, Ruth and Lola, are deceased.

Travis attended school and helped his father farm until the age of eighteen. It was then that he took a job with the Palmetto Cotton Mill. Travis met his future wife Willie Mae at Palmetto Cotton Mill.

Willie Mae Murphy was born November 7, 1909, in Routeville, Georgia. Her parents were Luther and Pearl. Both are deceased. Willie has three sisters, Arizona, Gertrude (deceased), and Helen, and one

brother, Carl. At the age of nine years, Willie Mae and her family moved to Palmetto. Luther, her father, was a part-time policeman and construction worker. They lived in the community of Goodes, Georgia. At the age of sixteen, Willie Mae went to work in the Palmetto Cotton Mill.

George Travis Simpson and Willie Mae Murphy were married November 1, 1925. They both worked in the mill until it closed in 1958. Travis and Willie had three daughters: Irma, born February 28, 1927; Linda, born August 7, 1942; and Jackie, born October 2, 1944.

Irma married Jack Stephens, and they have two daughters: Lisa, born December 21, 1961, and Jean, born September 17, 1945. Lisa is a senior at Palmetto High. Jean is married to Harold Whitley of Walton County. They have three children: Kimberly, age fourteen; Susan, age twelve; and Elizabeth, age seven.

Linda married Hoyt Copeland, from Monroe, Georgia, and they have two children: Lynn, age fifteen, and Lang, their son, age five years. Lynn goes to Palmetto High, and Lang goes to Kindergarten at Charles E. Riley school.

Jackie married Jimmy Langford of Palmetto, and they have two daughters: Jill, age nine, and Jolyn, age five. Jill and Jolyn attend Charles E. Riley School.

All of Travis and Willie Mae's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren reside in Palmetto. Willie Mae lives in the same house on Sims Street in Palmetto where she and Travis raised their family.

Submitted by Linda Copeland and Jean Whitley



Luther Murphy family: Gertrude, Willie Mae, Luther, Grace, Arizona, Helen and Carl.

George Redding Sims Family

Public records and family memoirs reveal that five generations of the Sims family have been involved in the social, religious, and political affairs of Palmetto and its environs. George Redding Sims (1822-1876), the son of John (1781-1864) and Frances Matilda Garr, of Oglethorpe County, married Mary Elizabeth Arnold (1830-1905) and founded this branch of the family. Births recorded in the family Bible show that Elizabeth bore eleven children. Two daughters and a son died in childhood. From the surviving children, two sons established homes and reared families in Palmetto.

John Redding Sims was married first to Ella Banks and second to Emmy Smith of Newnan. Living descendants from the latter marriage include his grandson, Ellis Redding Sims II, and great grandchild, Ellis Redding III, and Mary Elizabeth. Their home is located near Palmetto.

William Thomas Sims married Florence Devine. Their youngest child bears the name of his paternal grandfather. George Redding and his wife, Marie Duke, of Palmetto, now live in College Park.

Submitted by Jessilee Sims Shaddix

The third generation members who resided in Palmetto for at least a part of their lives included some of the children of Jacob Bailey Sims, the first-born of the founders of the family. They were Sallie, Jacob Bailey Jr., Leola Sims Bullard, and William James Sims, Sr.

Sue Sims Linder, the daughter of William James Sims Sr. and Susan Richards, and her husband, Kenneth, lived in Palmetto from 1969 to 1979.

William James Sims, Jr., married Frances (Billie) Astin. They are the parents of Robert Redding Sims, the youngest member of the family to build a home and establish a business in Palmetto.



George Redding Sims

Newton Osborn Skeen Family

Newton Osborn Skeen, Sr., born April 30, 1870, in Denton, North Carolina, came to Palmetto, Georgia, in the early 1890's. Mr. Skeen served as the U. S. Rural

Mail Carrier for the Palmetto area and retired after thirty years of involvement. A significant time span during his career was indeed a singular venture. He

married Veleta Jackson. Of this marriage three children were born: Earl Dewitt Skeen, Ruth Skeen, and a third who died in infancy. Of Mr. Skeen's second marriage to Sarah Emily Pennington in 1904 there were two sons: William Wilkerson Skeen (May 9, 1905-April 1964), who married Eunice Cooper; and Newton Osborn Skeen, Jr. (June 22, 1908-April 6, 1972), who married Julia Martha Gill. Of this marriage there was one daughter, Julia Alice Skeen Elfer, born March 17, 1945.

"Miss Emma" was a devoted school teacher for many years in the Palmetto area. She was principal of the Ellenwood High School in Clayton County, and taught at Rico and at Cedar Grove. She was the daughter of Dr. Thomas and Alice Pennington of Old Campbell County.

Of the Skeen family, Eunice Cooper Skeen remains in Palmetto. Martha Gill Skeen resides in Grantville, Georgia. Julia Alice Skeen Elfer is married to John Thomas Elfer, Jr., and resides in the West Fayette

County area with two sons: John Thomas III, and Charles Joseph.

Submitted by Julia Alice Skeen Elfer



Seated: William W. Skeen—Standing: Newton O. Skeen, Jr. taken in 1912.

Taylor Slaughter Family



Taylor and Lucy Slaughter

Born a slave, Taylor Slaughter came from Macon to Palmetto and married Lucy Jones and later Fannie Smith. Out of these two unions came Polly, James, Richard, Jessie, Thomas, Rosa, Lucille, William Fisher and John Taylor. William took to the ministry as did his father.

William Fisher married Bertha Byrd, of LaGrange, in 1912, and out of this marriage came Thomas, Perry Grant, Rosa Mauda Jackson, and Margert Slaughter Reese.

John Taylor Slaughter married Mary Boone, and they were blessed with three children: Frank, George Taylor, and Jimmie Lou. While the children were small, the family moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Jimmie Lou Slaughter married William Jack Spencer, of Cleveland, Ohio, in December of 1922. They had three children: John, Joseph, and William, Jr.

William J. Spencer, Jr., married Marie Hall Gillard in January of 1943. They were blessed with five children: William III, Marion, Valena, Ronald, and Janice.

Submitted by William J. Spencer III

Elisha Bennett Smart

Elisha Bennett Smart came by wagon train to Coweta County, Georgia, in 1836-37. He was born September 10, 1794, in Montgomery County, North Carolina, the son of Stephen Smart and grandson of John and Elizabeth Smart, the original immigrants from Ireland. On March 25, 1819, in Montgomery County, North Carolina, he married Tabitha Steed,

daughter of Samuel and Leah Steed.

Upon arriving in Coweta County with nine children, they lived in a log cabin built by Sion Steed on his farm for his sister's family. In 1840 Elisha bought land in Campbell County near the Coweta County line, engaged in farming, and reared a family of fourteen children. He was a charter member of New



Tabitha Steed Smart

Hope Methodist Church.

The Smart surname is not found in the surrounding area as his sons, William and twins Titus and Thomas, joined wagon trains to the West. The daughters married into the Henderson, Conder, Hearn, Head, Moody, Shell, Miller and Hopkins families, with many descendants still living in the Palmetto area.

One daughter, Adaline Smart, married in 1857 Eb-

enezer Hearn, who died while a soldier in the Civil War. She then married Andrew Weaver. Her children were Nancy Elizabeth, Elisha Bennett Hearn, James Cicero, and Benjamin Weaver.

Her son, Elisha Bennett Hearn, was born in 1860 and married Annie Eliza Phillips. Their sons were Hope, Stephen, and Cleo. Annie Elizabeth Hearn, the only daughter, is very knowledgeable about the Smart descendants. She has in her possession the Elijah Smart family Bible.

Seaborn Elisha Hearn, born 1899, married Lucile Massengale in 1925. Their children were Mary, who married Edgar Long; Seaborn Eugene; Harvey Bennett, who married Bettye McCoy; Richard Andrew, who married Mary Sue Ligon; Joseph Donald, who married Daisy Ruth Thomas; and Allen Lindsey, who married Charlotte Opal Benton. Some of them live in the Palmetto area.

Submitted by Mary Hearn Long and Ida W. Reeves

(B.A.J.) Basil Andrew Smith Family

B.A.J. Smith's great-grandfather was a Virginian who migrated to North Carolina (Mecklenburg County), or quite probably became a North Carolina resident when the land lines were changed between the two states. B.A.J.'s father, in the 1840 census, was living in the 7th District of Coweta County.

B.A.J. grew up on his father's farm in Coweta County, the only son of his father's second marriage to Amanda Atcheson. In 1860 B.A.J. was seventeen years old, but he fought in the Civil War—in the Confederacy, of course. There is an interesting story about how he got his wife. During a battle, Harvey Kidd was sent to relieve young "Jack" (B.A.J.) Smith in a sniper's hole in advance of the battle lines. Harvey's last words to the young soldier were, "Well, Jack, if I don't come out of this hole, you go home and take care of Catherine and the kids." And at that moment a minnie ball came along and took off Harvey's head, so young "Jack" came home and promptly sought out the widow and on September 29, 1866, he was married to Catherine (Short) Kidd. They reared eight children and two step-daughters.

Margaret (Maggie) (1868-1948) married Joshua Henderson and was the mother of Mrs. Dora Mae Watkins, of Fairburn. Mary Basiline (Molly) (1869-

1955) married Philip Leonidas (Lonnie) Tarrance and was the mother of Miss Bessie Tarrance. Wm. E. (Major) (1871-1892) married Mamie Whitlock of Fayette County. All of their children are now dead. Josephine (Josie) (1872-1951) married James (Jim) Hornsby. All of their siblings are dead but one son, who lives in Hapeville. Thomas Jackson (Tom) (1874-1945) was named for Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson. He married Jessie Tatum and was the father of Mrs. Oren Wooten of Fairburn. Paul Caldwell (1877-1930), named for St. Paul, married Ethel Tatum (1882-1969). He was the father of Dr. Harry Vaughn Smith, Baptist minister and Major Mary Evelyn Smith, Army Nurse Corps (retired). Annie Pearl (1879-1920) married Will C. Smith of Alabama, a descendent of "Old" Basil by his first wife, Catherine Byram, from North Carolina. Their three daughters are all dead, save Mrs. Eloise Thomas of Ventura, California. Looney Luke (1881-1892) fell out of a tree at the age of eleven and died of injuries some time later. He was named for St. Luke.

B.A.J. (Jack) moved to Palmetto around the turn of the twentieth century and lived out the rest of his life there, beloved by every one, white and black, and always devoutly religious.

Submitted by Mary E. Smith

Benjamin Smith Family

Benjamin Smith was born about 1780 in Virginia and was a preacher and farmer. He is thought to have married Catherine Drummond. About 1811 he moved his family to Spartanburg County, South Carolina, and in the early 1830's they moved to Campbell

County. Their children were William, Rev. John Augustine, Robert Burnett, Mary, Eleanor, Elizabeth, and Benjamin.

Robert Burnett Smith was born October 3, 1810, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. He was married by

the Reverend Moses Kelly in Campbell County on February 11, 1834, to Sarah Yates. He died on February 12, 1886, and is buried at the Old Piney Woods Cemetery in Rico. Robert built in Rico in about 1848 a house in which his granddaughter, Miss Tessie Smith, now lives. Although an old man during the Civil War, he fought in the battles around Atlanta.

Children of Robert Burnett Smith and Sarah Yates were Mary Jane Smith (1834-1884), who married John Edward Garrett; Martha Katherine Smith (1836-1836); Alfred Jefferson Smith, (1837-1912), who married

Mary Jane Green; Lydia Frances Smith (1840-1921), who married William A. Burran; Joel Benjamin Smith (1842-1915), who married Julia Roberts; William Rufus Smith (1845-1862); John Calvin Smith (1847-1917), who married Martha E. Reeves; Sarah Elizabeth Smith (1849-1934), who married Edmund Wyatt Green; Luticia Eleanor Smith (1852-1862); Amanda Tabitha Smith (1855-1856); and Margaret Lavonia Smith (1858-1859).

Submitted by Lanny Cauthen

Reverend John Augustine Smith

The Reverend John Augustine Smith was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia on February 3, 1806. When John was quite young, his father Benjamin Smith, moved the family to Spartanburg District, South Carolina. There he married his first wife, Levinia Cooper, on December 27, 1832. She was born on January 25, 1809, in Union County, South Carolina and died in Campbell County, Georgia, on January 24, 1866. Her parents were James W. Cooper and his first wife Elizabeth Jackson. In 1833 they moved to Campbell County, where as a Baptist minister, he served various churches, such as Enon and Bethlehem, between the years of 1855-1873. The children of John Augustine and Levinia Smith were Elizabeth Catherine Smith (1834-1863), who married W.H. Abbott; James Cooper Smith, who was born in 1835, and married Lucy G. Thurman; Henry Haynes Smith (1837-1864); Sarah Melissa Smith (1839-1858), who married Benjamin F. Camp; Benjamin Jackson Smith (1841-1862); Lucy Eleanor Smith (1843-1866); John King Smith (1844-1914), who married Lavonia Arnold; Amanda Levinia Smith (1846-1862); and Susan Frances Smith (1850-1852).

John Augustine Smith was married second to Susan Cooper in Campbell County on July 12, 1868. She was born February 3, 1831, in Spartanburg County, South

Carolina, and died on August 19, 1890, in Campbell County. She was the daughter of James W. Cooper and his second wife Lucy King. Their two children were Robert Frederick Smith, who was born 1869, and married Florence Bullard; and Claudius Crayton Smith (1873-1959).

The Reverend Smith died on December 27, 1881, and is buried at the Old Piney Woods Cemetery in Rico.

The following story is told of the Reverend Smith. During the Battle of Atlanta, he heard that Sherman was nearby and headed for Savannah. People wondered which route he might take. John got tired of waiting and wanted to find out if they were coming through the Rico-Palmetto area. If so he would warn people to hide their valuables. When he got to Campbellton, he discovered that the Union soldiers were camped right across the river. He rode down to their camp, and the Union soldiers pounced on him, admiring his horse and claiming it. He pleaded with them to let him keep the saddle because the people of the settlement had raised money to buy it for him, but the soldiers said that the horse would be lonely without it. As a result John had to walk home.

Submitted by Lanny Cauthen

John Calvin Smith Family

John Calvin Smith was born in Campbell County on December 20, 1847. On December 26, 1867, he married Martha Elizabeth Reeves. Although only a boy, he was recruited to fight in the Civil War in the battles around Atlanta. He was a member of the Old Rico Masonic Lodge and a charter member of the Providence Baptist Church at Rico. He died on November 3, 1917, and is buried at the Rico Cemetery.

Children of John Calvin and Martha Smith were Georgia Elora Smith (1868-1936), who married William A. Tanner; Henry Rufus Smith (1870-1873); Charles Edgar Smith (1872-1924), who married Agnes Collins; Benjamin Alonza Smith (1874-1921), who married Janie Godfrey; Estelle Elizabeth Smith (1877-

1901); James Burnett Smith (1879-1972), who married Nora Blissett; Sarah Jane Smith (1881-1967), who married Wayne A. Watkins; Lucy Blanche Smith (1883-1972); Julia Tessie Smith, who was born in 1889 and lives in the family home; and John Calvin Smith, Jr. (1893-1954), who married Mary Ruth Langley.

James Burnett Smith was owner and operator of Smith's General Store at Rico. He started the store in 1912 on the first floor of the old Rico Masonic Lodge. In 1914 he bought the store now owned by his son John, and ran it until his retirement in the late 1940's. He was also a farmer, a deacon in the Providence Baptist Church, and a member of the Old Rico Masonic Lodge, serving the office of Secretary for a num-



The John Calvin Smith family, taken in 1915: L-R Baby Joe Smith, John Calvin Smith, Jr., James Burnett Smith, Martha Reeves Smith, and Nora Blissitt Smith.

ber of years. In 1914 Burnett bought a Model T Ford, becoming one of two people in that area who had a car. His children are Joe, Harold, John, Estelle, Betty, Virginia, and Lucy Jane.

John Calvin Smith, Jr., also remained in the Rico Community. His children are Martha, Bob, Hugh, and Charlie.

Submitted by Lanny Cauthen

John Frank Smith Family

John Frank Smith was born June 19, 1942, to Walter Frank and Vera Bryant Smith in Atlanta, Georgia. He has a sister Martha Frances, who is married to F. Carter Tate of Atlanta. They have a daughter, Anne Jefferson Tate.

Janet Feller Smith was born October 7, 1941, to Harvey H. (now deceased) and Willah Ludwig Feller in LaGrange, Indiana. She has four brothers, David, Roger, Larry, Herman Feller, and one sister, Jean Feller Northup.

Janet attended Purdue University Center for one year before coming to Atlanta as a flight attendant for Delta Airlines in 1961.

John attended The University of Georgia for one year. In 1961 he started to work for Delta Airlines, also working part-time at his father's hardware store.

They were married in 1963 and bought a home on Jackson Avenue in Palmetto. A daughter, Carmen Lee, was born April 18, 1964. She enjoys playing the piano and the flute. She also plays with Palmetto Baptist Youth Softball and Volleyball Teams. Carmen plays piccolo in Feldwood High School Marching Band. John and Janet also have a son, Christopher John, born February 23, 1967. Chris attends Seaborn Lee School and enjoys reading about space, playing baseball, and playing the trumpet in the Honor Band. Cathryn Bryant was born December 24, 1968. Cathy enjoys playing softball, the piano, and violin.

John is a mason in Palmetto Lodge No. 74; he is also a deacon of the Palmetto Baptist Church and sings in the choir.

He organized the Palmetto Fire Department in 1968 and was acting chief for six years.

Janet has been employed for the past nine years at Seaborn Lee Elementary School in Fulton County. She was a member of Fairburn Palmetto Junior Woman's Club and Palmetto Women's Auxiliary in the Fire Department. Janet is a member of Palmetto Baptist Church and was active in the youth department. She enjoys reading and drawing.

Submitted by John and Janet Smith



John, Carmen, Chris, Cathy, and Jan

Mary Weaver and John H. Smith

Mary Massinbird Weaver, who was born in 1820 in Putnam County, Georgia, married John Hardaway Smith on January 15, 1837, in Coweta County. She spent her life and reared her family in Palmetto, and is buried in Floral Hill Cemetery. No date is given on her headstone.

Mary Massinbird Weaver and John Hardaway Smith had eleven children: Ira, Peter, Clarke, Andrew, Ellen, Albert, Columbus, Sarah, Martha, Lumpkin, and Edward.

Ira Ellis Smith was born in about 1839. He was a physician.

Peter Francisco Smith was born August 19, 1840. He married a girl named Nannie. Peter graduated from Emory University, served in the Confederate Army, and then took his law degree from the University of Virginia. He practiced law at Newnan and Atlanta. He is buried at Floral Hill Cemetery in Palmetto.

Clarke F. was born in 1844. He married a girl named Georgia. He changed his name from Smith to Lyndon.

Andrew J. was born in 1845. He married Lucy Yates Lenoir. Ellen, who was born in 1847, never married. She is buried at Floral Hill Cemetery. Albert O., was

born about 1850. Columbus H. was born in 1854. Sarah Glenn was born February 20, 1857. She married Robert Higdon Johnson. She died February 21, 1923, in Palmetto.

Martha A. was born in 1853. She married Henry Golightly. She is buried at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Lumpkin Smith is buried in a family plot at Floral Hill. Edward changed his name from Smith to Lyndon. He married Anna Brown.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

Smith-Lyndon Family

William Hardaway Smith was born May 30, 1809, in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. He married Mary Martha Weaver and they lived on Roscoe Road. William died on May 8, 1874. He and his wife were both buried in Palmetto. Their children were Peter Francisco; Sarah Glenn, (who married Robert Higdon Johnston); Ellen; Martha; Richard (Dick); Clarke, Edward; Jack; Elizabeth (Liza) Lumpkin; and Mamie. All of the boys changed their names to Lyndon except Peter Francisco. Jack's daughter, Mary, was the first Dean of Women at the University of Georgia.

Submitted by Mrs. Robert H. Johnston



Sarah Glenn Smith Johnston

Taylor Smith Family

Blair Taylor Smith was born January 9, 1779, at Rock Mills, Alabama, to Barney and Martha White Smith. The Smith family moved to Banning, Georgia, where Taylor spent his childhood. He married Clara Belle Tolbert on October 24, 1897. She was born at Whitesburg, Georgia, on January 16, 1881, to Thomas and Itayle Copeland Tolbert.

Taylor and Clara Smith moved to Palmetto, Georgia, in 1926. They had eleven children, the last of whom was born after the family had moved to Palmetto. Seven of the children are living at this time. Their names are Winifred Smith, Mildred S. Gwin, Otis Smith, Ursal S. Kirk, Doris S. Robertson, Tolbert Smith and Jean S. Bentley. Three of the children, Winifred, Ursal and Jean live in Palmetto.

Taylor was employed at the Palmetto Cotton Mills from 1926 until his death on December 7, 1946. His wife continued to live in Palmetto after his death and died September 5, 1969, at the age of eighty-eight.

Submitted by Mrs. Jean Smith Bentley



Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Smith at a Palmetto Cotton Mill Picnic in 1943. The picnic was at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Walter Frank Smith Family

Walter Frank Smith, son of Lemuel B. Smith and Martha Edge, was born and reared in the Rico community, where he was engaged in dairy farming. He was married to Vera Bryant, daughter of George William Bryant and Myrtie Frances Reeves, on July 8, 1938. They continued to live in the Rico community until July 3, 1941, when they moved to Palmetto, purchasing the property known as the "Watkins Place."

Frank purchased a hardware store in Palmetto on March 1, 1940, and continued to operate the store until September 1, 1971, when he sold it to Rod Brim.

He was Mayor of the City of Palmetto from 1945 to 1955, and it was during his term of office that the sewage system for the city was installed. He is a member of the Palmetto Masonic Lodge, and was worshipful master at the time the lodge celebrated its



Martha, Vera, Frank and Johnny pictured in April, 1948

one hundredth anniversary in 1948. They are active members of the Palmetto Baptist Church, where Frank serves as a Deacon. They have two children: John Frank Smith, who is married to Janet Feller; and Martha Frances, who is married to F. Carter Tate. Vera is a member of Eastern Star and teaches a Sunday School class at Palmetto Baptist Church.

Submitted by Vera Bryant Smith

W. L. Spearman Family

W. L. was born William Lee Spearman in Heard County, July 15, 1881. He was married three times. By his first wife, he had one son, named Grady, and by his second wife, one girl, named Lena. Grady died January 11, 1977; Lena died March 6, 1977. His third wife was Elizabeth Parrott, whom he married in De-



Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Spearman and Opal

cember, 1907; they had nine children: Alice S. Kearns; Alma S. Shell; Bertha S. Thomas; Gladys S. Couch Whittman; Opal S. Schneider; Fletcher, who married Ellen Chaplear; Clarence, who married Mattie Lu Mann; Ernest, who married Virginia Allen; and Billy, who married Myrtice Brewer.

Will Spearman was a farmer and spent most of his life in South Georgia near Camillia. In later years he moved to Carroll County, but the last few years were spent near Fairburn. Mr. and Mrs. Spearman were always active in the Methodist Church, and he served as a steward as long as he lived.

On September 16, 1938, when he was driving a team of mules across the railroad at Wright Crossing, the train hit him. He was fifty-seven years old at the time. After his death his wife bought a home in the Goodes Community on a farm. The sons were called into the Army, and since she had no one to tend the farm, she moved to Atlanta. During the years she lived there, she took in boarders. They were usually young people from the Goodes community who went into Atlanta to find work.

The last days of her life were spent with Alice and Ralph Kearns. Mrs. Spearman died May 9, 1961. She and Will are buried at Antioch Methodist Church Cemetery on Rivertown Road, near Fairburn.

Submitted by Alice S. Kearns and Alma S. Shell

William J. Spencer III Family

William J. Spencer III was born to Marie and William J. Spencer, Jr., in December of 1943. He is the oldest of five children. He attended school in Detroit, Michigan. After graduation in 1962 he joined the Navy. Carrol Dorene Harper, born in October of 1946 in Detroit, Michigan to Doris and William Harper, was the youngest of three children. She attended Highland Park High School.

William and Carrol were married October 28, 1967, and lived in Detroit. William IV was born April 16, 1970; Valena Dione was born June 16, 1972. After living in Detroit for five years, the Spencers came to Palmetto on vacation with William's grandmother (Jimmie Lou Slaughter Spencer). They returned to Detroit long enough to sell their house and then made Palmetto their home.

They moved to California for a short time, but returned in March of 1975. Katanza Marie was born August 14, 1975, and is the only Spencer born in Georgia.

William works for Delta, and Carroll works for Lorain Telephone. William and Valena go to Palmetto Elementary School; Katanza goes to nursery school.

All of the family enjoy sports and are happy to live in Palmetto.

Submitted by W.J. Spencer III

William J. Spencer III family



James Spillers Family

Lois Cooper was born December 11, 1928, to Claude Cooper and Aurora "Lolie" Richardson Cooper. In September of 1933 she entered the school room for the first time, and each consecutive September since that date has found her returning to the classroom.

Polio caused the classroom of September, 1941, to be a ward in the Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled



Lois Cooper and James Spillers "Courting Days".

Children: but even there, the stern looks of the school teacher were present five days per week.

In the fall of 1949 Lois moved from the student's desk to the teacher's desk. The first three years were at Fayette County High School, then one year at Grantville High, and then to Campbell High of Fairburn, her own alma mater. She remained at Campbell until June, 1968, when she married James W. Spillers, co-owner of Spillers Brothers Lumber Company, of Roberta, Georgia.

Lois moved to Roberta and transferred her church letter from Ramah Baptist Church, where she had been a member for twenty-five years, to Roberta Baptist Church, James' home church.

Crawford County High School became her second home in Roberta in the fall of 1968. She states that being named STAR Teacher four times and honored STAR Teacher of the Third Congressional District in 1974 are probably the highlights of her "first thirty years" in the teaching profession.

Submitted by Lois Cooper Spillers

Steed Family

Sion P. Steed, born May 18, 1805, in Montgomery County, N. C., came to Palmetto, in 1832, as a circuit riding Methodist Minister. He was married three times, and had seventeen children. He was one of the founders of the Palmetto Methodist Church, and one of the first Ministers.

One son, Frank H. Steed, born September 8, 1843, served four years in the Civil War in Wheeler's Cavalry. After the war he married Annie Martha (Patty) Perkins. He was a farmer and a merchant in Palmetto for sixty years. They had four children.

His son, Vedder Houston Steed, born July 15, 1875, was a farmer and a merchant in Palmetto. He married Margaret Camp of Campbell County, July 15, 1906.

They had five sons, Calvin C., Frank E., Vedder H., Charles P., Robert W. Vedder H. Steed, Sr. died March 7, 1925 and his wife Margaret died January 8, 1978.

Two of his sons, Frank E. and Robert W. still reside in Palmetto.

Frank E. married Mildred Sisson, April 1, 1935, and still lives in the house in which he was born. The house, second oldest in Palmetto has been in the Steed family since 1890. They still belong and attend the Palmetto United Methodist Church, which makes the fourth generation Church member. They have one son Vedder Houston, III, who lives in Fairburn, Ga. He married Charlene Callahan and they have three

sons, Ronald S., Kevin B., and David H.

Robert W. married Sara McDaniel, August 20, 1950 and they have two daughters, Margaret S. Rohrbaugh, and M. Elizabeth. They still live in Palmetto.

Submitted by Frank E. Steed

Vedder Houston Steed as a young man prior to the turn of the century.



David W. Storey Family

David Wilson Storey was born to Joseph Calvin and Leona Wilson Storey on July 17, 1948. He is the youngest of two sons. He attended Charles E. Riley Elementary, Campbell High, and Atlanta Area Technical Schools. He is a member of New Hope United Methodist Church in Goodes.

Shirley Jane Thomas was born to Marvin Henderson (deceased April 10, 1977) and Gertrude Ellington Thomas of Fairburn on July 17, 1949. She attended M. P. Word Elementary, Campbell High, and Atlanta Area Technical School. She is a member of Fairburn United Methodist Church.

They were married August 9, 1968, at Fairburn United Methodist Church by the Reverend Hal Brady. They lived in David's childhood home on Hutcheson Ferry Road until moving to their present Fairburn home in July of 1969.

David was employed by A. F. Smith Chevrolet Company (now Andy Lewis Chevrolet) from 1964 until 1971. In 1971 he began his present employment with Owens Corning Fiberglas when it opened its Fairburn Plant.

Jane was employed at Ft. McPherson as a Clerk-Stenographer in 1968. After a few years she left to become a housewife and mother.

They have two daughters. Tina Michelle Storey was born November 4, 1970. Jennifer Dawn Storey was born August 18, 1972. They attended kindergarten at the Fairburn United Methodist Church and presently attend Fairburn Elementary School.

The family enjoys camping, swimming and playing in the snow as hobbies.

Submitted by David and Jane Storey



David and Jane Storey and children, Tina and Jenny, in 1972.

Joseph Calvin Storey Family

Joseph Calvin Storey was born in Coweta County to Calvin Calogne and Lonnie Mae (Lyle) Storey on October 7, 1924. His parents are deceased. He has five brothers: Leon, Harold, Theo (deceased), Thompson,

and James, and one sister, Louise Wallace.

Lutie Leona Wilson was born in old Campbell (now Fulton) County on January 23, 1928, to Horace Damon and Willie Belle (Woods) Wilson. She has four sisters, Addie Jones, Doris Brown, Marjorie Costley and Josephine Carroll, and one brother, Frank.

Joe joined Mt. Carmel Methodist Church (Welcome Community) at nine. Leona joined New Hope Methodist Church (Goodes Community) when she was eight. They are both members of New Hope now.

They married December 24, 1943, and lived in Newnan until Joe served in the U. S. Army during World War II from October 1944 until August 1946, serving in France and Germany. They lived in the Goodes community until 1968, when they moved to



Joe and Leona Storey

their present home on Watkins Road in north Coweta County.

They had two sons. Joseph Fred Storey was born November 12, 1945. David Wilson Storey was born July 17, 1948. They have four grandchildren.

Joe worked for Newnan Water Works and Henson Furniture Company until he became self employed in

the furniture business. Leona worked for Owens Illinois glass plant in Hapeville before becoming bookkeeper for their business.

Their hobbies include raising pollard cattle, camping, fishing, raising flowers and restoring antique autos.

Submitted by Leona Storey

Joseph Fred Storey, Sr., Family

Joseph Fred Storey was born November 12, 1945, to Joseph Calvin and Lutie Leona (Wilson) Storey, of Palmetto, Georgia. Fred has one brother, David Wilson Storey, living in Fairburn, Georgia.

Fred went to Charles E. Riley and Campbell High School. He was active in the D. E. Program and worked with his father in the furniture business. Fred is now employed by Eastern Air Lines and has worked there for six and one-half years.

On June 20, 1965, he married Carol Elizabeth Hornsby from East Point, Georgia (then living in Fairburn). They were married at the New Hope Church in Goodes community by the Reverend Jack Summers.

Carol was born to Margie Louise (Bearden) and P. G. Hornsby (deceased) of East Point, Georgia, on February 1, 1948. Carol went to Central Park School in East Point until her family moved to Union City, Georgia, and attended Union City Elementary School and Campbell High School. She is a hair stylist at Barbizon Beauty Salon in East Point. She graduated from Beauty College of America in Forest Park. The

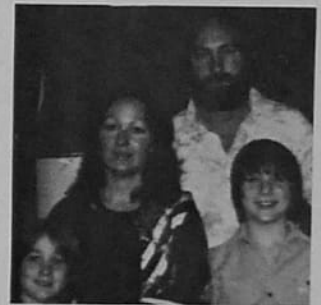
family has a project of building a beauty shop at her father-in-law's furniture store. She will remain at her present job and work in her shop part time.

Carol has one brother, Paul G. Hornsby, and two sisters, Kathy Hill and Debbie Boswell, all living in Jefferson, Georgia.

After Carol and Fred were married six months they built their present home in Goodes community. They have two children: one boy born March 6, 1967, Joseph Fred Storey, Jr. (Joey); and one girl born November 4, 1970, Tonya Elizabeth Storey. Both children attend Charles E. Riley school.

Submitted by Carol Storey

Fred and Carol Storey and children, Joey and Tonya.



Gordon and Sarah Wilson Stovall

Sarah Myrtice Wilson born June 27, 1905, was the eighth child of Lunday Adeline Shell and Joseph Jefferson Wilson, of Palmetto, Georgia. Her mother died when she was fifteen. She lived with brother Arthur until going to work in Atlanta as a seamstress and then trimming hats for American Hat Company.

She married Gordon Duke Stovall, who was born May 5, 1898, the ninth child of Octavie Naomie Aderhold and Stephen Stovall, from Douglas County, Georgia. He worked as conductor on the Atlanta to Stone Mountain streetcar line. He was trained as a barber and also as a plumber. He worked for General Motors Company for thirty-one years. He died August 7, 1978.

Sarah and Gordon had three children. Evelyn Naomie Stovall, born October 31, 1929, worked as a secretary, church organist, free lance decorator, and artist. She married Ralph Carlton Elam, who was born August 27, 1925. He was Major in Dekalb County Police Department, Police Chief of Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Director of Security for Dekalb County Board

of Education. They had three children: Ralph Carlton Elam, Jr. (Chuck), a stepchild, born February 19, 1948, and married to Geraldine Stowers, born January 11, 1950 from Lithonia; Mark Gordon Elam, born June 14, 1961; and Jason Douglas Elam, who was born March 8, 1970.

Sarah Charlotte Ann Stovall was born November 24, 1933. She did clerical work and also had an antique business. She married Robert Theron Burdett, who died July 5, 1976 at forty-three with a heart attack. He was a foreman with Westinghouse Elevator Company. They had one adopted child, Connie Lynn Burdett, born February 11, 1963 in Cowpens, South Carolina. She married Terry John Hackney.

Gordon Duke Stovall and Sarah Myrtice Wilson Stovall.



Glenn Duke Stovall was born February 5, 1936. He was in the Navy and then was employed by American Telephone and Telegraph Company. He married Frances Jeanette Cliburn, of Jackson, Mississippi. She died September 18, 1964 at twenty-three in an automobile accident. They had Sheila Ann Stovall who

was born March 12, 1963. Glenn later married Linda Louise Campbell, of LaFayette, Georgia, who was born July 25, 1945. They had a daughter, Karen Renee Stovall, born December 30, 1969.

Submitted by Evelyn Elam

Isaac Sumlin Family

Isaac Sumlin was born on September 30, 1925, in Coweta County. He married Miss Amy Lee Dyer on November 26, 1944.

Amy Lee Dyer Sumlin was born on December 29, 1926, in Fulton County.

Isaac is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldophous Sumlin. His wife, Amy Lee, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dyer.

Isaac and Amy were blessed with two sons and two daughters: Shirley; Isaac, Jr., Leon; and Emily. Isaac has had several occupations. For thirteen years he worked at the Palmetto Cotton Mill. He drove a Fulton County School bus from 1954 until 1974. He is now employed by Delta Air Lines.

Amy likes to do missionary work. She has been employed by Fulton County as a Cafeteria Manager for seventeen years. Isaac and Amy are blessed to have ten grandchildren.

All of the Isaac Sumlin family are members of the J. S. Hammonds Baptist Church, of which the Reverend R. L. Ridley is pastor and leader.

Submitted by Amy Sumlin

Melanie Swancey-Clara Cofield

Melanie Mary, born August 9, 1910, and Clara Anna, born August 30, 1908, are the only daughters of Anna Alois Antoinette Mollatt Kotrba and Theodore Kotrba Anna (1880-1958) and Theodore (1878-1942) came to the United States from Czechoslovakia in February of 1907. The Kotrbas were farmers who at one time farmed for Brenau College in Gainesville.

Clara and Melanie attended Hemphill School in Adamsville while their parents were working at the Georgia Training School for Girls. Later the Kotrbas bought a farm on Sandtown Road in Fulton County. The girls attended Fulton High which at that time was the only Fulton County high school. It was located in downtown Atlanta.

Clara married Thomas Samuel Cofield of Atlanta. Sam was a sheet metal worker. He died in 1958. Melanie married Jesse Leo Swancey. They had one son, Theodore Swancey. Jesse was also a sheet metal worker. He passed away in 1964.

During World War II Clara and Melanie worked at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola. In the early 1950's they began operating a custom drapery workroom in

southwest Atlanta. In 1961 Clara, Melanie and Jesse moved to Palmetto. They, along with son Ted, bought a farm on Wilkerson Mill Road. Also at that time they built and opened a custom drapery workroom in Palmetto. They still operate the business on Fayetteville Road.

Submitted by Melanie Harris

Clara (seated) and Melanie (standing) in 1922.



Ted Swancey Sr. Family

Theodore O'Neal Swancey was born on August 3, 1929 to Melanie and Jesse Swancey. During his early childhood, he lived in the Adamsville area of Fulton County.

During World War II, while living in Pensacola, Ted owned a horse named Hitler. The previous owner of the horse had named him Hitler because he was so mean. However, once given the love he needed, Hitler (Ted dropped the "H" sound), despite his small size, won eight out of nine match races in one day.

At the age of thirteen, Ted broke his neck while racing his horse. He was in a brace for nine months. Even though he recovered completely, he had to give up his dream of becoming a jockey. He grew to be too tall to ride professionally.

After World War II, Ted moved back to Atlanta with his parents. There he met and married Angie Nell Neighbors. Angie is the daughter of Angie Ella Brock Neighbors and William Salvanus Neighbors. Angie was born in Carrollton, Georgia, but moved to Atlanta as a small child.

Angie and Ted lived in the southwest Atlanta area until moving to Palmetto in 1961. Ted still resides on the farm on Wilkerson Mill Road.

Ted worked with his father as a sheet metal worker and later worked for the City of Atlanta. In 1960 he went into the family business, Custom Draperies, Inc. Since then he has co-owned and operated the custom drapery workroom in Palmetto. His specialty is designing and constructing cornice boards.

Angie and Ted have four children: Melanie, born June 15, 1948; Deborah, born August 4, 1951; Ted Jr., born September 30, 1956; and David, born January 15, 1958. Melanie is married to John Harris, formerly of Fairburn. They have two daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer. They currently reside in Woodstock. Deborah is married to Phillip Kearns. They have two children, Meredith and Nathan. Ted resides in Palmetto and David lives in Atlanta. Angie, now married to Harvey Payne, lives in Atlanta.

Submitted by Melanie Harris

James Yancey Swanson Family

James Yancey Swanson was born in 1922, the son of Rufus Inman and Janie Mae (McElwaney) Swanson. His grandparents were Yancey and Neppie (Jenkins) Swanson, of Fayette County, and Jack and Roxie (Horton) McElwaney, of Palmetto.

James' mother died of typhoid fever when he was nine. His father, cotton buyer, died of leukemia when James was fifteen. James attended the cotton mill's school, where his mother taught; Riley Elementary; and Georgia Military Academy.

James married Elizabeth Morris, who was born in Palmetto and reared in Hapeville. Her parents are "Bill" and "Sweetie" (Richardson) Morris. Her grandparents were: Joseph and Exa (Carter) Morris and Hill and Amelia (Port) Richardson, of Palmetto. Elizabeth has a brother and a sister, Joseph Hill Morris and Amelia (Morris) Wilson.

James worked with Westinghouse for ten years. For twelve years he operated a dairy and did custom farming and landscaping. In 1957 he went with Atlanta Newspapers as a district supervisor. In 1967 he became Chairman, Board of Tax Assessors, Coweta County, and currently holds that position.

James and Elizabeth have three daughters: Suzanne, Robin and Janie. Suzanne married Dan Reeves of Newnan. They have two children: Roxie and "Jim". Robin married Patrick Price of Florida. Janie married Bryan Routledge of Texas. To date, Robin and Janie are career girls and have no children.

The James Swanson family has always lived in extreme north Coweta County, only a few miles east of

Palmetto. They are members of Ramah Baptist Church, where they married in 1941. They have always considered themselves a part of Palmetto.

James' and Elizabeth's wedding is believed to be the first formal wedding in Ramah Church, even though the church was over one hundred years old at the time. Elizabeth's parents married at Ramah in 1913, but were seated in a buggy on the church grounds, as seemed to be the custom in those days.

Submitted by Mrs. Elizabeth Swanson



James Swanson and Mary Elizabeth Morris on their wedding day October 25, 1941. Their wedding was the first formal wedding at Ramah Church. Those pictured are: Hulette Hall, Mildred Warren, Thomas Reeves, Evelyn Cruse, Amelia Morris Wilson, Elizabeth Morris Swanson, James Y. Swanson, Earl Wilson, Kate Duncan Nesbitt, Laura McCarty Moody and Hugh Hardy.

Samuel and Sarah Weaver Swanson

Sarah Weaver, who was born April 20, 1806, in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, married Samuel Swanson on September 30, 1824, in Putnam County. They moved to Fayette County after 1827. She died on March 21, 1855. She and Samuel are both buried in the family cemetery near her parents.

Sarah Weaver and Samuel Swanson had eight children: Catherine, Andrew, Mary, Marcus, Sarah, William, Samuel, and Thomas.

Catherine Swanson, born about 1826, married Hilary Cleckler in Fayette County on October 10, 1841. They lived in Fayette and had no children.

Andrew Virgil Swanson, born about 1828, married Cordelia Lester, daughter of Lewis Lester and Betsy Patman, on June 14, 1849. Virgil was killed in the Civil War. Cordelia and their seven children moved to Texas. She died near Corsicana, Texas.

Mary Swanson, born about 1830, married Johnson Whatley in Fayette County on November 13, 1844.

They lived in Fayette County.

Marcus Washington Swanson, born February 13, 1831, married Elizabeth Jane Jennings, daughter of Allen Jennings and Cynthia Varner on February 9, 1854. They lived in Fayette County and had fourteen children. Marcus died June 7, 1903.

Sarah Frances Swanson, born in 1833, married William Jennings, brother of Elizabeth Jane Jennings, on December 3, 1850. They lived in Alabama.

William Schley Swanson, born in 1834, lived in Bulloch County, Alabama. He married Sophia and had nine children.

Samuel P. Swanson was born October 25, 1836, and died April 21, 1855. He was buried in the family cemetery near Palmetto.

Thomas Benton Swanson was born March 29, 1842, and died July 15, 1917. He married Emma Gilmer Smith on May 28, 1872. They lived in Fairburn, Georgia, and had nine children.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

Tatum Family

Elisha Tatum was born in North Carolina in 1793; married Mary Ballard, who was from Carroll County, Georgia, and who was born in 1807. The marriage took place in Coweta County, June 4, 1832. Eight children were born to them: Elizabeth (1833-1878), who never married and was buried at Ramah Church; Thomas (1835-1862), who married Nancy Mann of Jonesboro, Georgia; Caroline (1836-1929), who married Felix Vaughn of Atlanta in 1871; Marcus (Mark) (1839-1862), who never married; David (1841-1926), who married Margaret Patman (1845-1930); Parks (1843-1903), who married Mary Jane (Jennie) Patman (1847-1927); Joseph (Joe) (1845-1928), who never married; and Jane (1847-1929), who married James (Jim) Lewis of Virginia.

David was the only Tatum son to remain in Palmetto. He married in January 1867, Margaret Isabelle Patman, daughter of a neighbor, John Patman, whose land adjoined Tatum land. Margaret and David had ten children, only four of whom survived infancy.

Myrtie Lou (1870-1949) married "Jim" Sineath, from Charleston, South Carolina; Robert Duart (Bob) (1872-1962) married Florence Jackson in 1913; Willie Jessie

(1876-1966) married Thomas Jackson Smith in 1898; and Ethel Elizabeth (1882-1969) married Paul Caldwell Smith in 1901. Myrtie was widowed early; her husband and four children died with tuberculosis, leaving her youngest, Grace Sineath. They lived in the household of David and Margaret until Grace married.

"Bob", their only son, was a brilliant man, a splendid orator, and a very capable farmer, named a "Master Farmer" by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. He was also a member of the Campbell County Board of Education; Representative in the State Legislature; and chairman of the Board of Deacons of Ramah Baptist Church, which was founded on land given by his mother's maternal grandfather, Robert Jackson, also the ancestor of his wife, Florence Jackson Tatum (1884-1974). Bob had three children. David Edward Tatum was born in 1914 and married Lillis (Duncan) Tatum in 1936. Jack, a Baptist minister, married but has no children and lives in Clarkesville, Georgia. Howard never married but lives with David and Lillis.

Submitted by Mary Smith

Sara Corine Richardson Teal

Sara Corine Richardson is the daughter of Harold Eugene Richardson and Frances Virginia Hyde. Corine married Charles Marvin Teal of Cedar Grove

Community on April 18, 1959.

Charles was in the Army the first two years of their marriage and was stationed in Maryland. He was dis-

charged in May, 1961. In July of 1961, they moved to Palmetto on Palmetto-Cascade Highway. They have two daughters: Sandra Lee, born March 8, 1960, and Donna Frances, born July 29, 1965.

Sandra Lee married Terry Earl Pulliam on August 5, 1978. They live on Highway 29 south of Palmetto.

Submitted by Corine Teal

Mrs. Kate Fishback Thomason

Mrs. Kate Fishback Thomason has been a resident of Palmetto for forty years. She was born Kate Elizabeth Fishback, August 26, 1886, at what was known as Battle Hill and later as Westview. She was educated in Fulton County Schools, and attended Shorter College at Rome, Georgia. In October 1939 she married Mr. Bob Thomason, Superintendent of Palmetto Cotton Mills. After three years of marriage, he passed away, but she chose to remain in Palmetto.

Her many years of service to the community are reflected in her membership in the Palmetto Baptist Church and in related activities, and also in her membership in the Palmetto Garden Club.

Although she had no children, she has always loved and been interested in youth and their activities.

It can be said of her that she was a good neighbor to all. She is much loved by her family and friends.

Because of the illness of her faithful servant, Annie Beavers, who was with her thirty-seven years, she

moved in October, 1978 to be with her nephew, Bill Fishback, and family at Forsyth, Georgia.

Submitted by Sara Fishback



Mrs. Hazel Bradley and Mrs. Jeannette Hembree are expressing birthday wishes to Mrs. Kate Thomason on her ninety-third birthday. Many friends of Mrs. Kate came to celebrate this happy occasion.

Alton D. Thompson Family

Alton DeLamar Thompson was born April 20, 1906, in Atlanta, Georgia, the son of Wilbur B. and Minnie Thompson.

He married Martha Dena Bryson of Ocilla, Georgia, in 1929, and they had two sons.

They lived in Atlanta until 1932, and then moved to Florida for six years. They moved back to Georgia in 1938 and lived around Red Oak until 1973, when they built a home on Johnson Road in Palmetto, where they still reside.

Alton Thompson was employed by Colonial Stores for thirty years before retiring in 1969. His wife is a graduate of Crawford W. Long of Nursing.

They celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on April 20, 1979, at a party given by their children.

The oldest son, Alton DeLamar Thompson, Jr., was born March 26, 1930, in Atlanta, Georgia. He served four years in the Air Force and after his discharge in 1955 was employed by Delta Air Lines. He was promoted to Foreman in the Maintenance Department at Delta in February, 1979. He resides in Palmetto with his parents. He spends his off time working on the farm.

The youngest son, Gerald Lamar Thompson, was born November 24, 1933, in Ocala, Florida. He served four years in the Air Force. He married Rebecca Jane Lee in 1958. They have three boys: Lamar, Bill and Mike. They also reside in Palmetto on Johnson Road.

Submitted by Alton D. Thompson



Shown from left to right: Lamar, Dena, Alton, Rebecca, Mike, Jerry, Buddy and Bill

Blumar Reeves Thompson Family

The family of Anderson Thompson, Sr., moved into Butts County in the early 1800's, probably coming from the Carolinas. They later moved to Campbell

County and became cotton farmers on land ten miles west of Palmetto. Anderson, Jr., survived and in 1872 married Jane Capehart, of Welsh descent, from

Heflin, Alabama. From this union two sons were born: John, who died at age nineteen and Blumar Reeves, born in 1877.

In October 1896 Blumar and Maetta Peek were married. They farmed the Thompson "Old Place" and later the Astin place, both about ten miles west of Palmetto. In addition to rearing twelve children, the couple, during the earlier years of marriage, shared their home with four elderly women who had been widowed or left homeless by the war between the states.

In 1940 Blumar died and was buried at Sardis Church, a little Baptist church of which his father and aunts were charter members. In 1944 Maetta Peek Thompson died and was buried at Sardis. Interestingly, Blumar and Maetta saw eleven of their children baptized into membership of their "Family" Church, and at this time all twelve children are living.

The twelve children are John W., born September 20, 1897, who married Ruby Busby; Henry B., born March 25, 1899, who married Louise Kearns; Cornelia F., born October 23, 1901, who married William Gentry; Callie M., born November 9, 1903, who married James Robinson; T. Anderson, born October 10, 1905,



First Row L-R: Callie Robinson, Martha Weaver, Helen Standifer, Doris Nelly, Gladys Thompson, Cornelia Gentry. Back Row L-R: Johnnie, Bertus, Joseph, Henry, Anderson, Cicero Thompson.

who married Hazel Bazemore; Joseph M., born September 10, 1907, who married Lillian Crowe; Gladys L., born January 15, 1910; Cicero C., born December 19, 1913, who married Frances Milam; J. Burt, born November 21, 1915; Helen P., born June 21, 1918, who married Carl Standifer; Martha C., born August 31, 1920, who married Charles Weaver; and M. Doris, born March 27, 1924, who married Clarence Neely.

Submitted by Gladys Thompson

Fred Reeves Thompson Family

Fred Reeves Thompson, the youngest of the four children of Ruby Busby Thompson and John W. Thompson, Sr., was born in Palmetto on June 12, 1938. He married Patricia Seleskey, who was born



Pat and Fred Thompson

November 9, 1938, to Frances Carroll Seleskey and William R. Seleskey from the Cliftdale Community (College Park). She was the second of three children.

Fred and Pat graduated from Campbell High in 1956 and married March 29, 1957. They have lived in Memphis, Tennessee, Southern California, and Maryland, but have lived in Cliftdale most of their married life. In June of 1972 they moved to Palmetto, where they now reside on Hutcheson Ferry Road. They have three children: Michael A. (Tony), born April 6, 1959; Russell D. (Rusty), born March 11, 1961; and Carla A., born September 1, 1963.

Submitted by Pat Thompson

Gerald Thompson Family

Jerry Thompson was born November 24, 1933, in Ocala, Florida, to Alton DeLamar and Dena Thompson. He has one brother, Alton DeLamar Thompson, Jr., known as "Buddy." They lived in the Red Oak area until 1973.

Jerry married Rebecca Jane Lee of Red Oak, Georgia, on April 5, 1958. She was born to John Childress and Blanche Lee on April 27, 1934. Rebecca has one brother, James (Jim) E. Lee; three sisters, Nancy Lee Carswell, Harriett Lee Watson, and Henrietta Lee Lannier; one half-sister, Susan Lee Forehand; and two half-brothers, Steve Lee and Dave Lee.

Rebecca and Jerry have three sons: John DeLamar (Lamar) Thompson, born April 5, 1961; William Lewis

(Bill) Thompson, born April 11, 1963; and Michael (Mike) Lee Thompson, born November 9, 1969.

Rebecca and Jerry made their home in Red Oak from 1958 to 1973, at which time they built a home and moved to Palmetto. They are active in Palmetto Baptist Church, where they both sing in the Choir. Rebecca teaches Sunday School and Jerry is Training Union Director.

Jerry served four years in the Air Force and then attended Southern Tech. He is an electronics technician for FAA and is employed at Fulton County Airport. He spends his off time working on the farm where he lives.

Rebecca attended West Georgia College and gradu-

ated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. in education. She taught in Fulton County School System for several years. She was Director of Fairburn Christian Church Kindergarten for three years and is presently teaching at Fairburn Baptist Church Kindergarten.

Lamar graduated from Palmetto High School in 1979 and plans to attend Atlanta Area Tech to train in aviation maintenance. Bill will be a junior at Palmetto next fall. Mike will be in the fourth grade at Arling-

ton. He previously attended Evoline West School.

Submitted by Gerald L. Thompson



Jerry and Rebecca Thompson are shown with their children: Lamar, Mike and Bill.

Joe A. Thompson Family

Joe Andy Thompson married June Gilbert White, on February 12, 1949. Joe Andy is the son of John Frank Thompson, Sr. (deceased in 1974) and Ida Belle Dodson Thompson. Joe was born October 12, 1928, in old Campbell County. June White Thompson was the daughter of James Gilbert White (deceased in 1943) of Atlanta and Marie Hollis White Hill of LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia. Mrs. Hill presently lives in College Park, Georgia.

Joe and June are the parents of four children: James Gilbert, born November 4, 1959; Jeffery Alan, born November 14, 1961; Suzanne, born March 17, 1965; and Ida Marie, born January 12, 1966. All of these children are presently living at home.

For twenty-three years Joe and June resided in the city limits of Palmetto, but they moved to Campbellton-Redwine road in Rico five years ago in 1974.

In 1946 Joe and his brother, John Frank Thompson, Jr., went into the sawmill and farming business together. They are still in this business.

Joe graduated from Campbell High School; June attending College Park. Their children have attended Riley and Rico Elementary School. Jimmy and Jeff have graduated from Palmetto High; Suzanne and Marie are now attending.

Joe's family is active at Ramah Baptist Church in Palmetto.

Submitted by Estelle Thompson

John F. Thompson, Sr., Family

The ancestors of John A. Thompson, Sr., came from England to Georgia via Virginia and the western part of North Carolina, which is now Tennessee. He was born in Coweta County, Georgia, on February 1, 1825. On December 18 or 19, 1843, he married Eliza Frances Head, who was born May 5, 1826 and lived in Fayette County. He was not a wealthy planter, but he was a yeoman farmer with a large farm, from which he earned a comfortable living.

Nine children, seven daughters and two sons, were born to this couple. The older son, James Lawrence, died shortly before his second birthday. The younger son, John A. Thompson, Jr., was born October 25, 1855. In 1877, he married Roxie Anne Johnson of Fayette County, who was born October 23, 1859. They had one daughter and five sons.

One of their sons, John Frank Thompson, Sr., was born April 4, 1888, in Fayette County. On December 14, 1910, he married Ida Belle Dodson of Campbell County who was born October 9, 1892. He earned a good living as a farmer and a dealer in real estate.

They had three daughters: Martha T. Watson, Helen T. O'Hara, and Virginia T. Phillips; and five sons: Major H. (deceased May 12, 1976), Jack E., Roy H.,

John F., Jr., and Joe A. The daughters attended college in preparation for teaching, and the sons, except for Jack E., who is employed by the Federal Reserve Bank, are self-employed. All live in or near Palmetto, except for Jack E., who lives in Marietta.

Submitted by Martha T. Watson and Andy P. Thompson



Front Row: Joe, Mrs. John F. Thompson, Sr., Virginia (Phillips), Martha (Watson), Helen (O'Hara), John F. Thompson, Sr. Back Row: Major, Jack, Roy, and John, Jr.

John F. Thompson, Jr. Family



First row: Ginger, Daniel, Amy, Estelle, and John Thompson, Jr.
Second Row: John III, Heidi Thompson, Larry and Donna Copeland.

John Frank Thompson, Jr., was born August 10, 1926, in old Campbell County, the son of John Frank Thompson, Sr. (deceased July 16, 1974) of Fayette County and Ida Belle Dodson Thompson, born and still residing in what is now Fulton County.

On October 24, 1947, John married Cora Estelle Vineyard, daughter of Verner Rupert Vineyard (deceased June 6, 1953) and Frances Eugenia Wyche Vineyard (deceased April 8, 1971). They were both born in Meriwether County and are buried at Union Baptist Church in Meriwether.

John and Estelle are the parents of four children: John Frank III, born December 13, 1948; Andy Phillip, born September 9, 1952; Donna Eugenia, born June 14, 1960; and Heidi Jan, born November 6, 1961.

John III graduated from Campbell High School and married Virginia Yvonne Valentine on March 15, 1969. They have two children: Amy Michelle, born August 24, 1971; and John Daniel, born April 30, 1974. John III is in the logging business. They attend Sardis Baptist Church.

Andy graduated from Campbell High and is attending Georgia State.

Donna graduated from Palmetto High and is attending West Georgia College. On June 30, 1979, she married Larry Gene Copeland II of Palmetto.

Heidi is a senior at Palmetto High.

John, Jr., a graduate of Campbell High School, has been in the sawmill and farming business with his brother, Joe Andy Thompson, for the last thirty-three years.

The Thompsons are active at Ramah Baptist Church in Palmetto.

Submitted by Estelle Thompson

John W. Thompson, Sr., Family

John W. Thompson, Sr., the eldest of twelve children was born to Blumar Reeves Thompson and May Etta Peek Thompson in old Campbell County on September 20, 1897. Johnny married Ruby Lee Busby, who was the fifth of eight children born to Fred S. Busby and Sara Ray Busby. Ruby was born November 1, 1902, in Douglas County. Johnny and Ruby were married in Fairburn on August 19, 1923.

Soon after their marriage they moved to Akron, Ohio, where Johnny was employed with the Goodyear Tire Company for several years. Upon returning to Palmetto in March of 1927, they began their farming career. In 1938 Johnny and Ruby purchased a farm, the Weaver home place at Route No. 1 Hutcheson Ferry Road, where they reside today.

They had four children. Florence June was born June 2, 1924, in Akron, Ohio. She died at the age of eight while residing in Palmetto. John William, Jr., was born December 25, 1925, in Akron, Ohio. William married Gwendolyn Wallace and they have three sons: Tommy, Dennis, and Alan. James Edward was born October 29, 1930, in Palmetto. Edward married Betty Richards. They have a son, Kenneth, and a daughter, Vicki Borders. Fred Reeves was born June

12, 1938, in Palmetto. Fred married Patricia Seleskey. They have two sons, Tony and Rusty, and one daughter, Carla.

Each of the children attended Charles E. Riley School, although June and William attended Goodes School in the First and Second grades before going to Riley. All of the boys graduated from Campbell High in Fairburn. William served in the Army during World War II in the First Calvary Division. He married in 1948.

Submitted by Gwen Thompson



The Thompsons celebrating their golden wedding anniversary

John William Thompson, Jr. Family

John William Thompson, Jr., and Gwendolyn Wallace were married on November 19, 1948, at College Park, Georgia. They are the parents of three sons: Tommy, Dennis, and Alan.

William (Bill), son of John W. Thompson, Sr., and Ruby Busby Thompson, was born in Akron, Ohio, on December 25, 1925. He has two brothers, Edward and Freddie.

Gwendolyn (Gwen) Wallace, daughter of Raymond Wallace and Margie Campbell Wallace, was born at College Park, Georgia on October 4, 1930. She has one brother, Jerry Wallace, and one sister, Edna Wheeler.

The Thompsons now reside west of Palmetto on Hutcheson Ferry Road and have lived there since their marriage in 1948.

Thomas Daniel (Tommy), Sr., was born August 19, 1950. He is a graduate of West Georgia College. He is now employed with Eastern Airlines. He married Lee Nell Hanes in September of 1971, and they have two children, Thomas Jr. (Todd) and Jessica.

Dennis Wallace was born on October 26, 1954. He is now employed by Delta Airlines and is a graduate of Campbell High School. He lives on Cochran Mill Road in Palmetto.

Jeffery Alan was born on September 16, 1962, and is a senior at Palmetto High School. He is First Trum-



Front row: Bill, Gwen, Todd and Alan Back row: Dennis, Tommy, Lee Nell and Jessica Thompson

pet and Captain of the Raider Band at school. All the boys attended Charles E. Riley Elementary School in Palmetto.

The Thompson family attends Friendship Baptist Church, where Bill and Tommy are deacons. Tommy and Dennis serve as Music Directors.

Bill works with the Palmetto Post Office and is the mail carrier on Route No. 1 in Palmetto. He is a member of the Rural Letter Carriers Association and also enjoys working with and raising cows.

Gwen is a G.A. Leader at church, a member of the R.L.C. Auxiliary, and has been a member of the Home Makers Club of Palmetto for thirty years.

Submitted by Gwen Thompson

Roy Harold Thompson Family

Roy Harold Thompson, born August 25, 1921, is the son of John Frank Thompson and Idabel Dodson Thompson. He has three sisters and four brothers: Martha Ann Watson, Helen Roxie O'Hara, Virginia Nell Phillips, Major Henry, Jack Elijah, John Frank, Jr., and Joe Andy.

Roy married Drusilla Dean Hopkins on January 17, 1947. Drusilla is the daughter of Embard Orson Hopkins and Mamie Lou Dean Hopkins, and was born October 19, 1925. She has one sister, Frances Rebecca Hopkins Garrett.

Roy and Drusilla both graduated from Campbell High School, Fairburn. They have two children: Judy Dean, born February 5, 1948, and Roy Jr., born September 22, 1949.

Roy, Jr., married Jean Ellis McClendon of La-Fayette, Alabama. They have one child: Hollie Dean Thompson, born August 27, 1977.

Judy, unmarried, lives at home.

All of the Thompsons attend Ramah Baptist Church, Palmetto, where Roy, Sr., is a deacon.

Roy and Drusilla have lived at 8795 Wilkerson Mill Road since 1953. This was Roy's old home place. The property was previously owned by his father and was known as the old Frank Bearden Place, having been in the family since 1874.

Roy was in the dairy business several years after 1953 and later went into the building business. In 1962 he was appointed Secretary and Treasurer and Agent for the Planters and Peoples Mutual Fire Association of Fulton County. Drusilla is bookkeeper for same company.

Submitted by Mrs. Roy Thompson, Sr.

Roy and Drusilla Thompson and children, Judy and Roy, Jr., taken on Christmas 1970.



Tommy Thompson Family



Tommy, Lee Nell, Jessica
and Todd Thompson

Thomas Daniel Thompson Sr. and Lee Nell Hanes were married on September 12, 1971, at Friendship Baptist Church in Palmetto. They are the parents of two children, Thomas Daniel Jr. (Todd) and Jessica Leigh. They have lived in Palmetto for six years and now reside on Cochran Mill Road.

Thomas (Tommy) was born on August 19, 1950, in Newnan, Georgia. He attended Charles E. Riley Elementary School, Campbell High School, and West Georgia College. He is now employed by Eastern Airlines, and has been for the past five years. He is the son of John William Thompson, Jr., and Gwen Wal-

lace Thompson of Palmetto, and has two brothers, Dennis and Alan.

Lee Nell was born September 2, 1951, in Atlanta, Georgia. She lived in College Park, Georgia before her family moved to Fairburn, Georgia in 1959. She attended Cedar Grove Elementary School and Campbell High School. Lee Nell was employed by Delta Airlines until the birth of their first child. She is the daughter of James K. Hanes and Bernice Hanes of Fairburn and has one sister, Belinda Lockart.

Their son, Todd, was born in Newnan on November 2, 1973, and will attend kindergarten at Charles E. Riley in the fall.

Their daughter, Jessica, was born February 14, 1977, at Newnan, Georgia.

The Thompsons attend Friendship Baptist Church in Palmetto, where Tommy is a deacon. He is also very active in many other church activities and committees. Lee Nell is the teacher of the Youth Training Union in the church, besides participating in other activities.

Submitted by Lee Nell Thompson

Harry A. Thurman Family

The late Harry A. Thurman and Emma Davidson were married and have three daughters, Thelma, Julia, and Jane.

Thelma is married to Charles Jackson, and they have two children, Karlton and Karol.

Julia is married to Bill Bonner; they have three

boys, Mark, Lee and Brian. Lee is married to Cheryl Buchanan.

Jane is married to Herman Kearns; they have two children, Cheryl and Stephen.

Submitted by Mrs. Charles S. Jackson

John Will Thurman Family

The late John Will Thurman was born on August 29, 1886, to Robert and Mary Thurman of Coweta County, Georgia. When he became a young man, he settled in Palmetto and married Kathleen Woodard, daughter of Robert and Lucy Woodard. Mr. Thurman has three living daughters, Dorothy White, Virginia Slaughter, and Melnee Robinson, and one son, Charles Thurman.

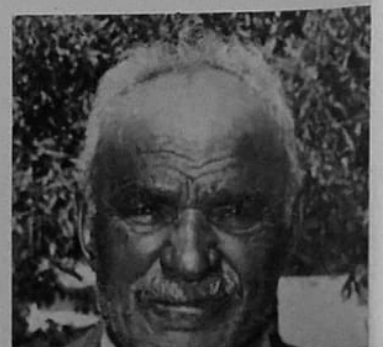
While living in Coweta, he was an active member of Powell Chapel Methodist. He joined Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Church after moving to Palmetto. He served in all capacities of the church. He served as Superintendent of the Sunday School, Chairman of the Steward Board, and in other offices. He was one of the first men to renovate the old church.

John Will Thurman was a respected small businessman of this community. During his lifetime he made manifold contributions to this area. From limited financial resources, he purchased twenty-five acres of desolate land and erected a community.

He was a self-employed architect and builder. Many homes and buildings still stand today, attesting to his talents. There is a residential street here in Palmetto named in his honor. Mr. Thurman's daughters and their families still live in Palmetto; his son resides in Hampton, Virginia.

Submitted by Mrs. Virginia Slaughter,
Mrs. Melnee Robinson,
Mrs. Dorothy White,
and
Mr. Charles Thurman

John W. Thurman



Byron Tingle Family

Herschel Byron Tingle was born May 1, 1931, in Goggins, Georgia to C. A. and Florence Tingle. Byron has four brothers, Mark, Adrian, Elwood, and Wayne, and two sisters, Lynnette and Florence. Florence is a Methodist Missionary in Mexico.

Betty Jackson was born in Griffin to Frank and Ila Mae Jackson. Betty is the youngest of five sisters, and two brothers.

Byron has three daughters: Cathy, who was born March 28, 1957; Jeanie, who was born August 13, 1961; and Edie, who was born December 9, 1962. Cathy and her husband, Rod Rodriquez, both serve in the Marine Corps and are stationed in Hawaii. Jeanie entered Georgia Baptist School of Nursing in the summer of 1979. Edie is a senior at Palmetto High School.

Betty has a son, Jimmy Houston, born January 1, 1953. Jimmy has a son, Jeremy, born September 13,

1974. Jimmy is master plumber and has his own company. Betty also has a daughter, Elaine, born August 15, 1954. Elaine is married to Karl Johnson, from Fairburn. She is an X-ray technician with Doctors Thompson and Lievano in East Point. Karl is an electrician with the City of Fairburn.

Byron and Betty married May 18, 1973. Byron, Betty and the children planned and constructed their own home, swimming pool, and garage. Byron is a Captain with Fulton County Fire Department and is currently stationed in Palmetto.

The Tingles are members of Palmetto Baptist Church, where Byron serves as a deacon and Betty sings in the choir and plays softball and volleyball on the church teams.

Submitted by Betty Tingle

Paul Tolbert Family

Paul Tolbert, his wife, Effie, and their four youngest children, Carl, James, Hazel and Jean, moved to Palmetto in the year 1939. An older son, Tyrus, his wife, Mary, and their two children, Gary and Stanley, also lived in Palmetto for a short while.

Paul Tolbert retired from Palmetto Mill in 1955, when it ceased operation, and moved back to his homeplace in Carroll County, Georgia, where he presently resides at the age of eighty-eight.

Carl Tolbert married Ethel Driver, from Carroll County, Georgia; James married Martha Boynton, the daughter of Marie C. and John Boynton; Hazel married Frank Bowen, the son of Vesta B. and Harvey Bowen; Jean married Marvin Dennis, the son of Lottie

H. and Crawford M. Dennis, Sr.

Jean and Marvin Dennis presently reside in Palmetto. Their son, Marvin William Dennis, Jr. (Billy), died while serving in the U. S. Navy, on March 1, 1966, at the age of eighteen. Their daughter, Camille, married James H. Voyles, Jr. and they have one son, William Brent.

Marvin Dennis, along with his brother Crawford, purchased the only dry cleaning establishment in Palmetto in May of 1951 from Fred Turner. In May of 1954, Marvin acquired Crawford's interest and continued to operate the business until August of 1975 when it was sold to Agnes Ledbetter, the present owner.

Submitted by Jean Dennis

Horace Frank Turbyfield Family

Horace Frank Turbyfield was born in Palmetto February 19, 1879. He was a barber, and his business was located in the Old Griffith store on Main Street near the Lacy Griffith home. His wife was Ruby Roberts, and their family consisted of one daughter, O'Zella, and four sons: Jim Brewster, Prentiss, Horace, and Frank. O'Zella and Prentiss are both dead. Hor-

ace resides in College Park with his wife, the former Evie Lynn Lyons, and Frank lives in Fayetteville with his wife, Elizabeth. Jim Brewster and his wife, Buff, reside in Palmetto.

Horace Frank died February 7, 1919, and Ruby died April 17, 1977. Both are buried at Ramah.

Submitted by Joan T. Westmoreland

Jack Turbyfield Family

Jack Turbyfield was an immigrant from England and settled in Palmetto circa 1845. His descendants recall two marriages and eight children. In his early years here he was a potter and a farmer, and later worked in the textile works in the Ono area.

Four children have been traced to Jack's first marriage: a son, William, and three daughters, Sally, Mary, and Minnie.

Nicy Jane Hestley Turbyfield Summers, wife of Jack Turbyfield, with granddaughter Ola Belle, daughter of John Henson and Emma O'Lillian.



Jack's second marriage was in 1869 to Nicy Jane Hestley. There were four sons born of this union: John Henson, Jim, Wright, and Horace Frank. Jim left

Palmetto at age sixteen, but the other four sons remained here and raised their own families.

Submitted by Joan T. Westmoreland

John Henson Turbyfield Family



John Henson Turbyfield

John Henson Turbyfield was born in Palmetto on October 18, 1869. He was a barber, the owner and operator of the City Cafe, and later served as Palmetto's only police officer from around 1903 until around 1911. He married Emma O'Lillian Odom in January of

1896, and they lived for several years in a home which stood where the B & S Service Station now stands. They attended Palmetto Methodist Church, and John enjoyed his occasional role as soloist at church services there. John and Emma had two children: Ola Belle, born September 28, 1896, and Milledge Jackson, born November 17, 1903.

John's grandchildren by his daughter are Jonelle, William Archie, and Furman. Furman fought in World War II and was killed in action on Leyte Island in 1944. Ola Belle now resides in Southwest Atlanta.

Grandchildren of John through his son Milledge are Calvin Jackson, Joan Elizabeth, Flora Mae, and Brenda Sue. Milledge's wife, the former Eula Mae Hem-bree, and daughters Flora and Brenda still reside in Palmetto. Calvin resides in Hogansville with his wife, Barbara, and their daughter, Tammy Marie.

Submitted by Joan T. Westmoreland

William Turbyfield Family

William Turbyfield was born in Palmetto in 1849, the son of Jack Turbyfield. He married the former Francis Elizabeth Black, and two children were born to them: Paul in 1887 and Emmett Dewistol in 1890. Paul died in 1894 at age seven and is buried at Ramah.

Emmett grew up here and married Birdie Brown. They had five children: Lucille, born in 1911; James,

in 1915; William M., in 1919; Charles, in 1922; and Elizabeth, in 1925.

Charles was never married. He died in 1962 and is buried at Ramah. William M. currently lives in Douglasville, Georgia, with his wife Sarah. They have four children (Wm. M., Jr., Von Ober, Emmett Lee, and Frederick Franklin) and three grandchildren (Esmond Lee, Emmett Lee, Jr., and Marcus).

Submitted by Joan T. Westmoreland

Wright Turbyfield Family

Wright Turbyfield was born in Palmetto in 1875 and was a farmer and nightwatchman. He married the former Lucy Jane Cavender, and they had three children: daughters Clyde and Leola, and a son named Orville. Clyde and her mother still live at 504 Locke Street in Palmetto, and Orville and his wife Agnes live on Morris Street.

There is one grandchild, Myrna, who resides in Palmetto with her husband, Bobby Evans, and their two children. They own and operate a business known as The Diner at 624 Main.

Wright died in 1956 and is buried at Ramah.

Submitted by Joan T. Westmoreland

James Brewster Turbyfield Family

James Brewster Turbyfield was born August 25, 1910, to Laborn Frank and Ruby May Roberts Turbyfield at Cemetery Street in Palmetto. The street is now known as Spring Street. He has spent most of his sixty-nine years here except for working as a textile worker in different locations and serving in the U. S. Army for two years, eight months, and fifteen days. He was then discharged as a private with a medical

discharge, because of a shooting accident which resulted in total blindness.

He was married to Flossie "Buff" Russell on December 5, 1942. She had been born to Jessie R. Russell and Mary McCard on September 4, 1921. Brewster and Buff have one daughter, Thelma Gene, born March 1, 1946, in Palmetto, on the same spot of land where they live today. She is married to Luther Rich-

ard Johnson. They have two daughters: Wanda Gene and Connie Lynn.

Brewster and Buff are members of the Church of Christ. They attended Ramah Baptist and Palmetto Baptist for sixteen years, Brewster having perfect attendance. Brewster has been a member of the L.A. Canady Lodge 289 for twenty-seven years. Brewster and Buff spend most of their time rocking on their porch and enjoying "pop-in" company that stops by to drink a cup of that strong coffee and, as the old saying goes, to swap-a-few.

Submitted by Thelma Johnson

Brewster Turbyfield



Aunt Jodie Turner



Aunt Jodie Turner

This article is about Jodie Bentley Turner. She was born in Carroll County, Georgia in 1887. Her parents, Mary Jane Hunter and William R. Bentley moved to Palmetto in 1902. She was one of their thirteen children.

Aunt Jodie had three children of her own from a previous marriage: Mrs. Grace Blair, Alton Eller, and Mrs. Mildred Barge. She married William T. Turner in 1930 and lived at the corner of Main Street and Turner Avenue.

Aunt Jodie is ninety-two years young and still has a warm smile and happy chuckle if you have time to talk with her. If the weather is warm and sunny, you will probably see her sitting on the porch in her favorite rocker and wearing her old time bonnet. She never fails to wave at those who take time to wave at her.

Submitted by Gail Turner, Great-Niece

Frances Elizabeth Astin Turner Family

Frances Elizabeth Astin was born to Edgar Eugene and Bessie Hindman Astin on January 31, 1916, in old Campbell County, Fairburn, Georgia. She attended grammar school in the old two story wooden building in Fairburn. The whole school attended classes over the stores in town when she was in the eighth grade, while the new high school was being built. She graduated from Campbell High School in 1933. Elizabeth took a commercial college course by mail for the next two years. She worked as a waitress for Mallory Cafe for two years. She then worked as a telephone operator for Southern Bell Telephone Company for two and one half years until the office was cut over to dial in February of 1941.

On October 25, 1941, their son, Joe R. Turner, Jr., was born. On January 1, 1944, she started working at the Palmetto Post Office as substitute clerk, Mrs. Margaret Steed having retired on December 31, 1943. Mr. Cotton was Postmaster at the time. He retired in September of 1953. Elizabeth was acting Postmaster for the month of October while the Post Office Department was checking out and confirming Mrs. Jean Bentley, who became Postmaster on November 1, 1953. Elizabeth was clerk and Assistant Postmaster to both Mr. Cotton and Mrs. Bentley. She worked thirty years before retiring on December 31, 1974.

On November 13, 1974, she lost her husband, Joe R. Turner, Sr. She lost her father on February 27, 1952, and her mother on February 17, 1967. She is a member of the Palmetto Baptist Church, where she is and has been very active in most church activities. She is now president of the senior citizens club, the W O D R O Club, which is sponsored by the Palmetto Baptist Church but has members from all the area around Palmetto. She still lives at 522 Locke Street in the home her father and husband built in 1946.

Submitted by Mrs. Elizabeth Astin Turner



Edgar Eugene and Bessie Astin

Joe R. Turner, Sr., Family

Joe R. Turner was born to James R. and Lucy Greene Turner on October 4, 1910, in Meriwether County, St. Marks, Georgia. He was the youngest of eleven children, having seven brothers and three sisters. Of these only one is now living, a sister, Bessie Reynolds Hyde, who lives on Macedonia Road in Newnan, Georgia. His father died when he was seven years old. He attended school in Mountville and Hogansville.

As a young man he worked for O. T. Adams at his sawmill in St. Marks. Later he worked as a clerk for Bryant Smith in his grocery store in St. Marks. In 1927 he moved to Palmetto with his mother and a niece Elizabeth Henkins, whom Mrs. Turner raised, her mother having died when she was two years old. Joe went to work in the Palmetto Cotton Mill shortly after moving to Palmetto and worked there until the mill closed.

Also while working in the Palmetto Cotton Mill, Joe married Elizabeth Astin, of Fairburn, on September 21, 1940. On October 25, 1941, a son, Joe R. Turner, Jr., was born to them. After the Mill closed Joe worked at odd jobs for a year and then started working for Murray Bradley at the Amoco Service Station,

where he was still working part time under the new owner Jim Pulliam at the time of his death on November 13, 1974.

He was a member of the Palmetto Baptist Church, having joined in 1935. He was a deacon for a good number of years. He was also a mason for thirty years.

Submitted by Elizabeth Turner



Joe, Jr., Elizabeth, and Joe Turner, Sr.

Joe R. Turner, Jr. Family



Joe R. and Bunny Turner and children, Frank and Cissy.

Joe Ramsey Turner, Jr., was born to Joe R. and Elizabeth Astin Turner on October 25, 1941. He attended Palmetto Kindergarten for almost two years. His teachers were Mrs. Vivian Bates and Mrs. Evelyn Clark. He entered Riley Grammar School in September of 1948. He spent his high school days at Campbell High in Fairburn, graduating in June of 1960.

Joe joined the navy a week after graduation, receiving his boot training at San Diego, California. After five months of special schooling in Jacksonville, Florida he was sent to the Naval Base in Sanford, Florida. He was an electrician on the planes at the base. He

made four tours to the Mediterranean on the air-craft carrier Enterprise. He served four years in the Navy, coming out in June of 1964. In the same month he went to work for Delta Airlines at the Jet Base at Hartsfield Airport.

In April of 1966 he married Marion Jane (Bunny) Setzer, of Maggie Valley, North Carolina. They lived the first year on Washington Street in College Park, Georgia. Bunny worked for two years at Fort McPherson as secretary to two army officers. In 1967 Joe and Bunny bought a house on Orly Terrace, College Park. While they were living there, their two children Frank and Elizabeth Jane (Cissy) were born. They moved to Mt. Park in 1970 and lived there three years, moving back to College Park in 1973 to their present home on Cheryl Leigh Drive. Frank and Cissy enjoy soccer, swimming and riding bicycles. They both attend E. W. Oliver Grammar School which is across the street from their home.

Submitted by Mrs. Elizabeth Astin Turner

Zack Turner Family

Zack Turner, a textile worker, who was born in Fayette County in 1849, moved to Palmetto soon after he married Mattie Barrington. Zack and Mattie had six children: Clarence, Mary, Ola, Leola, Nanny and William Tarpley Turner.

William Tarpley Turner, who was born December 31, 1875, and died March 24, 1966, was married twice. He and his first wife, Dora Hines, who was born November 14, 1873, and died May 16, 1930, had four children: James Roy, Ruby T. Lyons, Mattie Sue T.

Astin, and Claude Turner. After Dora Hines Turner died, William T. Turner married Jodie Bentley Elder. Jodie had three children by a former marriage: Grace Elder, Alton Elder and Mildred Elder. Jodie and William Turner were married for thirty-eight years.

William Tarpley Turner owned and operated a grocery store for forty-six years, and the building still stands at the corner of Turner Avenue and US Highway 29 in Palmetto.

James Roy Turner helped his father operate the grocery business until 1966, the year his father died. James Roy Turner has been married twice. His first wife, Lola Bell Simpson was born March 31, 1904, and died July 13, 1924. He and his second wife, Linnie Lucille Rodgers, who was born April 10, 1903, and died April 27, 1972 were married in 1925. They were married for forty-seven years and had five children: Jean Turner Stover, James W. (Billy), George Rodgers, Beverly Turner Houston, and Hugh Ronald (Ronnie) Turner. All the children still reside in Palmetto, except Jean, who has lived in Fairburn for the past thir-



First Row: Steven Turner, Gregg Turner, Ansley Houston, Justyn Allen Simmons. Second row: Ronnie Turner, Connie Turner, Father, Roy Turner, Beverly Houston. Third row: Mike Turner, Bonnie Turner, Ann Turner, Gail Turner, Rogers Turner, Jean T. Stover, Jayne Simmons, Allen Simmons, Jeanie Stover, Andy Stover. Not pictured: Billy Turner and Paula Stover Hulsey.

ty-three years. Roy still lives in Palmetto on Turner Avenue (which was named after his father) and he now has twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild (Justyn Alan Simmons.) All of them live in the Fairburn-Palmetto area, except the first, Paula Stover Hulsey, who now resides in Marietta.

Submitted by Jean Stover

Varnadoe Family

John Ethridge Varnadoe, born October 18, 1914, in Lumber City, Georgia, came to Palmetto in 1955 from South Carolina. He and his wife, Winnie Mae, have nine children: Roy, Donald, Frances, Annette, Harry, W. J., Joan, Johnny and Bobby. He is a retired carpenter.

His son, Roy, born December 27, 1936, in Carrollton, Georgia, is married to Sara Mote. They have four children: Karen, Debra, Ann, and Eddie. Karen is married to Tommy Anderson and they have two children, Tasha and Tommy, Jr. His son Donald, born March 31, 1939, in Lumber City, is married to Marie Chapman. They have five children: Greg, Melanie, Melissa, Michael, and Nathan.

His daughter Frances, born May 25, 1941, in Lumber City, is married to Gary Hardin. They have three children: Wesley, Kelly and Stephanie. His daughter Annette, born December 7, 1942, in Lumber City, is married to Ray Jones. They have two sons, Chuck and Kirk.

His son Harry, born May 7, 1942, in Lumber City, is married to Brenda Eskew. They have one daughter, Lori.

His son W. J., born December 1, 1947, in Lumber City, is married to Janice Parks. They have a son, Shane, and a daughter, Sandy.

His daughter Joan, born April 11, 1950, in Newnan, is divorced and has a son, Gerald, and a daughter, Janet.

His son Johnny, born May 24, 1952, in South Carolina, lives in Fairburn. His son Bobby, born February 28, 1954, in South Carolina, lives at home.

Submitted by Francis Hardin



Ethridge and Winnie Mae Varnadoe

John Henley Varner

In 1826 John Henley Varner and his wife, Mary Campbell, who was born in 1805, came from Oglethorpe County, Georgia, and purchased land in Rico Community at County Line. He was the first post-master of County Line. His father, Matthew Varner, who was born in 1765, served in the Revolu-

tionary War from South Carolina. John died in 1836. He and Mary and several children are buried in the family cemetery up on "boot Hill" on the Varner place.

William Matthew Varner, the oldest son, was born in 1824. He married Saphronia Angelyn Herren, who



John Varner's great granddaughters, Eva Camp Abercrombie and Iva Camp Bomar, taken in 1899.

was born in 1833, and continued to live on the land, purchasing an additional 1500 acres along Campbellton-Redwine Road. Until this day his descendants live on most of the land. Matthew had four children: Mary Delana, who married William J. Camp; Evie, who married Dr. A. A. Barge; John, who married Mattie Zellars; and Margaret, who married Merriman Cantrell and later Stephen Wade Herren. William Matthew served in the Civil War and afterwards sold timber for the rebuilding of Atlanta. Civil War trench-

es used by the Confederates are still visible between "boot hill" and the Chattahoochee River. Mary Delana (Molly) and William Camp, a lawyer and farmer and the son of Benjamin Camp, moved across the river to land owned by William's grandfather, William Camp. They had four children: Iva, who married James S. Bomar; Jay, who married Helen Stringham; Varner, who married Sarah May Evans; and Eva, who married James D. Abercrombie.

Eva and James Abercrombie, after living in Atlanta many years, inherited the John-William Matthew Varner and retired there in 1948. They had two children: Maurice Camp, who married Berma Jarrard, and Mable Camp, who married Harold Mansfield. Mable (fifth generation) and Harold now live on the Varner place and have one son, Timothy.

Submitted by Mable Camp Abercrombie Mansfield

William Walthall Family

William Morgan Walthall was born in Meriwether County, Georgia, in 1832. He came to Palmetto as a school teacher in 1860 and in 1861 married one of his students, Elizabeth Fannie Garrett, leaving soon after to serve in the Civil War.

In 1866 they bought five acres of land and a house on Toombs Street. The house still stands, and some additions have been made. Here their two sons William P. and Edgar, and three daughters, Myrtie, Fannie and Louise, were born and reared.

William and Fannie Walthall were two of thirty-five members of Ramah Baptist Church who withdrew and formed the Palmetto Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. He was also a member of the Palmetto Chapter of the Masonic Lodge.

With his brother-in-law, Young Garrett, he established a mercantile store on Main Street. The store was destroyed by a fire a number of years later.

Submitted by Louise B. Hamill



Home of the Walthalls, Britains and Hamills on Toombs Street in Palmetto.

Watkins Family

Julius Cicero Watkins, son of Thaddeus Duncan Watkins and Rebecca Jane Floyd, was born April 25, 1861, in Old Campbell County, Palmetto, in an old house near the Coweta County Line. His mother was a Zellars. The Watkins family originally came from Wales in the seventeenth century.

Cicero Watkins had three brothers, William, Warren, and Leroy. He was married to Alma Jessie Gullatt in 1891. He owned a farm at Ono, near Palmetto, for some years and was a merchant there, his particular interest.

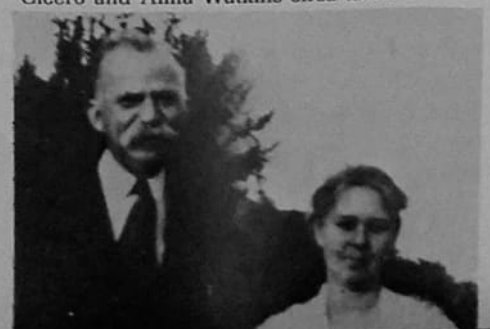
After moving to Palmetto in 1905, he bought the house on what is now Smith Street, where his and his wife's children, Caudie Bedell, Jane and Julius C., Jr., were raised. He bought cotton for the Palmetto Cotton Mill and later was Executive Vice President of the Palmetto Bank. He was a deacon in the Baptist church, superintendent of the Sunday school, a member of the Board of Education, town council, and Mayor of Palmetto when the underpasses were built.

He died suddenly in November of 1924. Alma Watkins died in 1957.

Jane Watkins married Virgil Leon Powers, of Macon, and had a daughter, Betty Jane Powers Wheeler. Some years after her husband's death, she married Paul L. Hinds, of Birmingham, Alabama. J. C. Watkins, Jr., married Louise Baldwin, of Atlanta, and had two children: Julian Carol Watkins Taylor and Edward Baldwin Watkins. J. C., Jr., died in 1945. Caudie Watkins Pruitt in 1977; Jane Watkins in May of 1979.

Submitted by Betty Jane P. Wheeler

Cicero and Alma Watkins circa taken in 1919.



Robert Watkins Family

Robert Watkins came from Wales. His will was probated in 1753. He was living in the Township of Vincent in Chester County in the Province of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Janie, had eight children, one of whom was Reece.

Reece was born circa 1732. In 1776 he moved to Oglethorpe County, Georgia and served in the Revolutionary War. He had eight or nine children, one of whom was Moses.

Moses married twice, his wife being first Keziah Campbell. He is listed on the 1795 Tax Digest of Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He had several children, and among them was Benjamin Templeton.

Benjamin Templeton was born July 4, 1797. He married Hannah Lassiter. His will was probated January 3, 1876. At his death his residence was Campbell County, Georgia. As described in his will, the property is located west of Palmetto on Hutcheson Ferry Road at Watkins Road, going west on both sides of the road. This property is still in the Watkins—Byram family. Benjamin had eleven children, among them John Hill Watkins, who became a doctor.

Dr. John Hill Watkins was born August 9, 1836, and married Mary Etta Filmore Bedell. He died on May 20, 1908, and is buried with his wife at the Sardis Baptist Church cemetery. They had five children: Buena Louise, Villula, Annie Mae, Lillie Beckman, and Wayne Atlee.

Submitted by Mrs. James H. Byram



John Hill Watkins, M.D., family: L-R Dr. John Hill Watkins; Mrs. Watkins (Mary Etta Bedell); daughters, Lillie and Annie Mae; and son, Wayne Atlee. House is on Hutcheson Ferry and Watkins Road.

Jerry and Harriett Watson

Jerry Ronald Watson was born in East Point, Georgia, on January 10, 1939, to Thelma H. and Eula Morgan Watson. He has two sisters, Dorothy and Thelma, and one brother, Danny.

Harriett Lee Watson was born in Red Oak, Georgia, on October 3, 1939, to John C. and Blanche DeLoach Lee. She has three sisters, Rebecca, Nancy, and Henrietta, and one brother, Jim. She has two half-brothers, Steve, and Dave, and one half-sister, Susan.

Jerry attended Georgia Tech for one year, during which time he worked part time for Eastern Air Lines. In July of 1958 he became employed full time with Eastern Air Lines. He has been Manager of Airport Passenger Services since March of 1974.

Harriett attended West Georgia College for one year and Georgia State University for one year. She became employed with Delta Air Lines in January of 1960. She is now a secretary in the Flight Operations Department at Delta Air Lines.

Harriett and Jerry were married on September 3, 1960. They lived in East Point until March of 1963, when they built a home on a farm in Palmetto.

They have two children: Rebecca Blanche, born on August 9, 1964, and Mark Ronald, born on February 16, 1970.

Jerry Watson
and Family



Rebecca attends Palmetto High School, where she is a member of the "Raiderette" Drill Team and enjoys all school activities. She enjoys playing volleyball and softball on the church teams, and playing the piano.

Mark attends Arlington School. He enjoys playing baseball on the little league team and fishing.

Jerry, Harriett, Rebecca and Mark enjoy raising cattle on their farm. They grow most of the feed for the animals. They also have horses.

The Watson's attend Palmetto Baptist Church. Jerry and Harriett have both taught Sunday School and Training Union classes. Jerry is a Deacon. Harriett sings in the church choir.

Submitted by Jerry and Harriett Watson

Andrew Baker Weaver Family

Andrew Baker Weaver was born October 19, 1813, in Putnam County, Georgia. He first married Nancy J. Lester in Oglethorpe County on August 10, 1837. He

later married Mrs. Rachel Bailey Jackson in Fayette County on December 3, 1854. A third marriage was to Mrs. Adeline Smart Hearn in Campbell County on

March 30, 1869. He died November 30, 1893, and is buried beside his third wife in Jackson Cemetery on Hutcheson Ferry Road near Palmetto.

Andrew and Nancy had eight children: Watson, Mary Elizabeth, Nancy, Josiah, Emily, Codelian, Sarah and Andrew.

Rachel Bailey Jackson and Andrew Baker Weaver had three children: Seaborn, Martha Emma, and Hope Olin.

Adeline Smart Hearn and Andrew Baker Weaver also had three children: Elmira, James, and Edward.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

Edward Benjamin Weaver Family

On January 25, 1878, Samuel and Polly Weaver's sixty-ninth, and last grandchild was born. He was the youngest son of Andrew Baker Weaver, and his third wife, Adeline Smart Hearn. They named him Edward Benjamin Weaver.

Edward was fourteen years old when his father died. He lived in the family home with his mother, and became a farmer.

On June 30, 1895, at 10 o'clock in the morning, he married Ida Swanson, daughter of Marcus Washington Swanson and Elizabeth Jane Jennings. They lived in the Weaver home near Palmetto until 1926, when they moved to Fairburn. Ida died January 14, 1953, and Edward died September 30, 1961. Their eight children were Andrew, Alvin, Nora, Elisha, Claud, Ida, Lillian, and Julian.

Andrew M. Weaver was born June 10, 1896, and died August 12, 1897.

Alvin Nat Weaver, was born April 10, 1898, and died September 26, 1958. He married Sarah Callie Shell, daughter of James P. and Frances Ann Shell, on May 25, 1919. Their children were Sara Martha

and Ida Frances.

Nora Mardelle Weaver was born August 1, 1900. She married Frank Rampy Davidson on October 18, 1925, at Fairburn. Their child is Mary Barge Davidson, born August 25, 1927. She married England S. Beasley, Jr. on April 11, 1947 at LaGrange, Ga.

Elisha S. Weaver was born January 5, 1902, and died December 13, 1908. Claud R. Weaver was born February 3, 1904, and died March 15, 1919.

Ida Grace Weaver was born December 3, 1905, and died March 5, 1975. She married Clyde R. Wilson, son of Joseph and Adeline Shell Wilson, on December 24, 1924. They lived in Akron, Ohio. Their children are Carolyn Grace and James Clyde.

Lillian Lucille Weaver was born March 19, 1910, and died September 8, 1977. Julian Cecil Weaver, born July 25, 1912, first married Thelma Eidson and later married Frances Miller. Julian's son, John Cecil Weaver, was born February 25, 1946.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

Samuel Weaver Family

One of the first settlers to move into the Palmetto area after the Indians left was Samuel Weaver. His father, David Weaver, was a Revolutionary War soldier from Virginia, who had brought his wife, Massinbird Shoemaker, and his family of eight sons and two daughters to the Wilkes-Oglethorpe area of Georgia and settled in the section of land that had been set aside as bounty for the soldiers.

Samuel was born in Manikentowne, Goochland County, Virginia, in about 1779, and grew up in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, where on December 4, 1800, he married Polly Patman.

Polly was the daughter of William Patman and Susannah Biggers. William Patman was also a Revolutionary War soldier from Virginia, who had come to Georgia to claim his bounty land. Polly was born in Virginia in about 1785, and came to Oglethorpe County with her family as a child.

Samuel Weaver and Polly spent the first years of their marriage in Oglethorpe, living on Cloud Creek, but as the Indians moved westward and new lands

opened for settlement they moved to Baldwin County to the section that became a part of Putnam County.

They lived in Putnam County for about twenty years, and their children grew up there. Three of their daughters were married in Putnam, and when their sons-in-law drew land in the newly opened land of Fayette, Carroll and Coweta, Samuel and Polly sold their farm, bought land in Coweta, and moved to the Palmetto area, where they appeared on the first census of Coweta County.

They spent the rest of their lives there, and were among the founders of the Ramah Baptist Church in Palmetto. They were buried in the family cemetery, still to be seen on land that was a part of their farm. Samuel died December 1, 1850, and Polly lived long enough to see her grandsons go off to war in the Confederate Army. She died July 9, 1863.

Samuel Weaver and Polly Patman had ten children and raised nine of them to adulthood. The ten children were Nancy Weaver Phillips, Sarah Weaver Swanson, Elizabeth Weaver Cheeves, Seaborn J., An-

drew Baker, Susan Weaver Longino, Mary Weaver Smith, William, David, and John. Family histories of those who married and had children are to be found

elsewhere in this book.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

Seaborn J. Weaver Family

Seaborn J. Weaver, who was born in Putnam County in 1811 or 1812, married Sarah Carroll in Coweta County on March 3, 1831. He died before October of 1849.

Seaborn J. Weaver and Sarah Carroll had seven children: John, Samuel, David, Susan, William, Seaborn, and Mary.

John Thomas was born in 1831 in Campbell County, Georgia. Late in his life he joined his brothers in Wilton, Arkansas.

Samuel Andrew, born January 12, 1833, married Elizabeth Susan Hogan on November 28, 1853, in Campbell County, Georgia. They moved to Wilton, Little River County, Arkansas. He died June 12, 1903.

David C. Weaver was born in 1837. It is not known where he lived, but he received his share of his grandfather's estate in 1864.

Susan E., born in 1838, married James Daniel Hogan, brother of the wife of Samuel Andrew. James Daniel died in Campbell County and it appears that Susan joined her relatives in Arkansas.

William B., born in 1840, lived to adulthood, but it is not known where he lived.

Seaborn J., was born in 1846. He is remembered in family stories as having gone to visit his Arkansas relatives in a covered wagon.

Mary S.P., was born in 1850.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

William W. Weaver Family

William W. Weaver was born in Putnam County, Georgia in about 1823. He married Sarah Eastin on November 17, 1841, in Campbell County. William and his wife, Sarah, apparently died within six months of each other in 1864. The names of their children are taken from the guardianship papers and other estate records. The dates of birth are not given.

Samuel P. was born in about 1854; Seaborn J. was born in about 1858; Sarah C. was born in about 1859;

and Mary E. was born after 1850.

Various members of the family served as guardians, and in 1864 three (unnamed) received through their guardians their parts of the estate of their grandfather. Seaborn J. remained in Campbell County and appeared in the 1870 and 1880 censuses, with a wife named Sarah, and a family.

Submitted by Sara Weaver Brooks

J. I. and Christine Webb

Jim Irvin Webb, Jr., son of Jim Irvin Webb, Sr., and Willie Mae Gravett, was born in Coweta County on May 15, 1913. J. I. grew up and worked in Newnan before coming to live in Palmetto. In 1944 he married Nellie Christine Jackson. Christine is the daughter of Edward Evans Jackson and Effie Elizabeth Slaton and was born on July 21, 1917, in Tyrone, Georgia.

Both J. I. and Christine worked for Palmetto Cotton Mills, Inc. J. I. served in the U. S. Army during World War II as an automotive mechanic. He was stationed on Adak Island in the Aleutians and was discharged on August 29, 1946, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. J. I.

was a member of the Palmetto Baptist Church and the Palmetto Masonic Lodge. He had worked for Eastern Air Lines for eighteen years when he retired shortly before his death on October 18, 1975.

Christine continues to make her home on Cranford Street in a house that J. I. had single-handedly renovated. When her work at Palmetto Grocery becomes tiring and the town of Palmetto too confining, Christine hops on an Eastern L1011 to Las Vegas, Los Angeles, or Honolulu.

Submitted by Christine J. Webb

Flossie Shell Weeks

Flossie Mae Shell Weeks was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James P. Shell of Palmetto, Georgia and the granddaughter of the late Reverend and Mrs.

Stephen Shell of Goodes Community.

Flossie was born on October 29, 1897, in Goodes community. She attended elementary and high school

in the local community and then later received her college education in Athens, Georgia at State Normal College, which is now a part of the University of Georgia.

Flossie was married to Charles Gordon Weeks of Ellenton on September 30, 1933, in Atlanta. They made their home in Omega, Georgia, where Gordon had a grocery store. He later worked at the Moody Air Force Base and was also employed with Shell Oil Company, where he worked until his retirement.

Flossie was a school teacher, starting her teaching career in her own local community of Goodes. She taught some ten years before her marriage, and then in later years after her marriage she re-entered the teaching profession and taught twenty years before retiring.

Flossie and Gordon had two children who died at birth, Mary Annette Weeks, on December 13, 1937, and James Nathan Weeks, on July 20, 1944.

Flossie joined New Hope Methodist Church in Fulton County when very young, but moved her membership to Omega Methodist with her husband. There they were active in all phases of the church work.

Her husband died of a heart attack on October 30,



Flossie and Gordon Weeks at the vegetable market.

1965. Flossie lived on in her home at Omega for a short time, but because of failing health, moved to Fulton County to be near her brothers and sisters.

She passed away on May 5, 1977, and was carried back to Omega and buried by her husband and children.

Submitted by Hattie Shell Eidson

Jim and Theresa Weeks

Jimmie Glenn Weeks was born in Norman Park, Georgia, January 16, 1946, to David L. and Sylvil Norman Weeks. He has two brothers, Norman and Edward, and three sisters, Mary Ann, Margaret (deceased), and Glenda (deceased).

Theresa Snider Weeks was born in Moultrie, Georgia, November 2, 1945, to Cephas S. and Sarah L. Snider. She has three sisters, Marie, Marsha and Rita, and one brother, Paul Terry.



Jim and Theresa
Weeks family.

Jim and Theresa were married December 7, 1968. They have three children: Stephen Andrew, born February 19, 1970; Lisa Marie, born December 6, 1973; and Mark Thomas, born September 25, 1977.

Jim was employed by the U. S. Post Office in 1968, during which time he completed a two-year electronics course at Atlanta Area Technical School. In 1972 he became a Field Service Engineer for the Perkin Elmer Corporation. In 1974 Jim became a State Farm Insurance Agent. He moved his office to Palmetto, from Decatur, Georgia in 1975.

Theresa has worked as a nurse in the Atlanta area since graduation from nurses training. She is presently employed at Atlanta West Hospital in Lithia Springs as head nurse of the nursery.

Jim and Theresa moved to Palmetto in June of 1977 and presently reside at 528 Locke Street. Jim is presently an active member of the Palmetto Volunteer Fire Department, serving as Secretary-Treasurer, and is also a Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician for the department.

Jim's State Farm Office is now located on Main Street in Palmetto.

Submitted by Theresa Weeks

Thomas Haye Wells

Thomas Haye Wells was born November 10, 1870, in Spalding County, Georgia. His parents were Wil-

liam Wells and Sarah Miles Wells. He had one brother, John Acie Wells; one sister, Minnie Wells She-

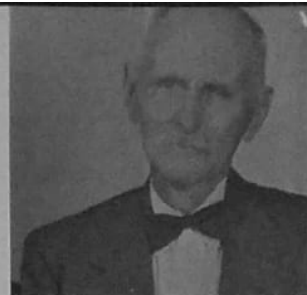
phard; and several half brothers and sisters who were raised in Alabama.

In 1895 Tommy Haye was married to Nancy Dorcus Hammond, daughter of Newton N. Hammond and Georgia Gibson Hammond of McDonough, Georgia. From this union, five children were born: Leila Mae, who married Homer Leon Morris of Palmetto, Georgia; Annie Lee (deceased), who first married W. A. Yerta (deceased) and later Leo Musick of Whitesburg, Georgia; William Paschal, who married Kathryn Jamison (both deceased) of McDonough, Georgia; Valla Preston, who married Cleo Colquit Hearn of Palmetto, Georgia; and Mary Jane, who married Lee Jefferson Shell of Palmetto, Georgia.

Tommy Haye was one of the great cotton farmers of Henry and Spalding Counties, Georgia.

He and his family were members of Teamon Baptist Church, Griffin, Georgia, where he served as senior deacon; also he was superintendent of Sunday

This was Tommy Haye's seventy-fifth birthday.



Schools at both Teamon and Luella Churches, since one church had services in the afternoon.

In 1930 Tommy Haye and his wife moved to Palmetto, Georgia, in order to be near their three daughters who lived there. He continued to farm on a small scale and was always eager to help anyone who needed him.

He and his wife became members of Sardis Baptist Church, where he also served as deacon. There they were laid to rest, she at the age of sixty-one, and he at eighty-eight.

Submitted by daughter, Jane W. Shell

Harold Whitley Family

Harold Whitley was born March 29, 1932, the son of James Ora Whitley and Maude Simpson of Smyrna. In 1937 he came to live with the Harry Reddings in Fairburn. He graduated from Campbell High School in 1949 and served in the Korea War from 1951 to 1953. He started to work in 1953 at International Paper Company in East Point, where he is still employed.

Jo Ann Wilson, born April 28, 1935, is the oldest living daughter of T. D. Wilson and Sara Eidson of Palmetto. She graduated from Campbell High in 1953. After working at Citizens and Southern National Bank for several years, she is now employed by Fulton County and working at Palmetto High School.

Harold and Jo Ann married September 2, 1955, at New Hope Methodist Church. They lived in Fairburn for a few years and came to Hearn Road, Palmetto, in 1958.

Curtis Wayne was born Wednesday, January 8, 1958. Having graduated from Palmetto High School in 1976, he is now going to Atlanta Area Tech and enjoys music, reading, and working on cars and airplanes.

Christopher Daniel, who was born Thursday, May 11, 1961, has just graduated from Palmetto High School. He is employed by Otasco in Fairburn and

enjoys coin collecting, music, and working on cars.

Linda Jo, born Friday, September 3, 1965, is entering the ninth grade at Palmetto High. She is in PHS Marching Band and enjoys her pets, music, reading, and swimming.

Charles Roger, born Tuesday, August 26, 1969, is entering the fifth grade at Riley. He enjoys sports, collecting sports cards, horses, cactuses, and little league football.

This family goes to New Hope Methodist Church, where these children are the sixth generation to attend there. They enjoy gardening, sports, reading, and doing things together.

Submitted by Jo Ann Whitley



Harold and Jo Ann Whitley and children, Wayne, Dan, Linda, and Roger.

Hayward Williams Family

Hayward Williams, Sr., was born in Campbell county on June 22, 1910, to Mozeland Maggie Williams. He attended elementary school in Palmetto.

Louvenia Dixon Williams was born in Madras,

Coweta County, Georgia on October 19, 1915, to Ambus and Willie Mitchell Dixon. She went to public school in Newnan, Georgia. She came to Palmetto in 1933 to live with her aunt and uncle, Alice and Dave

Ayers. She met Hayward and they dated for almost one year before being married on June 8, 1934.

Their first child, Hazel was born March 4, 1935. She was born with a deformity. She married Curtis Ray Miller and they live in Tiffiany, Iowa, with their six children. Airlene, the second child, died at the age

of four years, eleven months of a brain tumor. She was born August 28, 1936. Other children are Emily Louise Williams, Ralph Williams, Alice Eloise Williams, Hayward Williams, Jr., and Lawrence Williams.

Submitted by Louvenia Williams

Mozel Williams Family

Mozel Williams, Sr., was born April 23, 1885, in Douglas County. He was the son of the late Reverend and Mrs. Thomas Williams, all of whom are deceased.

He was married to Maggie Jefferson in 1905. She was born in Campbell County on August 1, 1881, and is now deceased. Eleven children were born to them: Tom Williams (deceased), Eloise Williams Jones, Hayward Williams, Sr., Airlene Williams Slaughter, Mozel Williams, Jr., Maggie Williams Solomon, George Williams (deceased), L. C. Williams (deceased), Ernest Williams, Melvin Williams, and Charles Williams (deceased).

Submitted by daughter-in-law-Louvenia Williams



Maggie and Mozel Williams

Frank Wilson Family

Ramon Frank Wilson was born to Horace and Willie Belle Wilson, May 3, 1932, in Goodes community. He has five sisters: Addie Jones, Cherokee Estates, Acworth, Georgia; Doris Brown, College Park; Leona Storey, Newnan; Marjorie Costley, Goodes community; and Josephine Carroll, Mableton, Georgia. He attended school at Charles E. Riley and graduated from Campbell High in Fairburn. He worked at King

Hardware. In 1956 he went to work at Delta Airlines and is presently employed there.

Peggy Joy Hopkins was born to A. C. and Doris Hopkins in Lagrange, Georgia, November 10, 1935. She has one brother, Bill, and one sister, Helen Ware. Peggie worked for Kroger. She is now a Sales Associate with Metro South Realty Company in Tyrone, Georgia.

They were married at the Palmetto Parsonage June 11, 1953. They built a new home in Tyrone and moved in May of 1979.

They have two sons. Mike was born December 8, 1955. Kenn was born December 1, 1960. They both graduated from M. D. Collins High School in College Park. Mike works for Packaging Products, Inc. and recently built his own home. Kenn works for Glass Electric in Fairburn and lives with his parents.

Their hobbies are gardening and boating.

Submitted by Willie Wilson



Peggie and Frank Wilson
taken in 1979.

Horace Wilson Family

Horace Damon Wilson was born to Joe and Addie Wilson, April 1897. He had six brothers: Arthur, Paul, Alton, Herman and Clyde (all deceased); Ludie Fowler, of Union City; and Myrtice Stovall, of Mor-

row. He attended school in Goodes and served in World War I in 1918. Willie Belle Woods Wilson, born in August of 1907 near Calhoun, Georgia to John and Lutie Woods, moved with her parents to Palmetto in



Willie Belle and Horace Wilson on their 50th wedding anniversary, January 17, 1974.

1919. She attended school at Poplar Springs, North Georgia, and Goodes. She had three brothers: Murray (deceased); J. T., of Calhoun; and Pettis, of Dalton; and one sister, Evelyn Neal, of Calhoun.

Horace and Willie Belle married in January of 1924 and went to Akron, Ohio, to live. There he worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company until August of 1927. Two daughters were born there: Addie Belle, born in October of 1924, and Doris Mae, born in August of 1926. Since he owned a fifty acre farm in the Goodes community, they came back from Akron in August of 1927 and built a home. Four more children

were born there: Lutie Leona, born in January of 1928; Marjorie Evelyn, born in July of 1930; Ramon Frank, born in May of 1932; and Margaret Josephine, born in August of 1937. Willie Belle worked for Palmetto Manufacturing Company from 1942 to 1954, and then for Zachry (men's clothing store) from 1956 to 1969, when she retired. Horace farmed until he became disabled. He died July 31, 1979.

They belong to New Hope United Methodist Church. Willie Belle is also a member of the Homemakers Club, W.O.D.R.O. and A.A.R.P. Club, as well as the Missionary Society. They have sold honey from their bee hives for over fifty years.

In January of 1974 their children gave them a Golden Wedding Anniversary Reception, with thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren in attendance.

Submitted by Willie Belle Wilson

Jeffie Alton Wilson Family

Jeffie Alton Wilson was the third child of Joseph and Adline Wilson, and was born in the Goodes community July 10, 1895. He was a farmer before enlisting in the Army on December 19, 1917 (World War I); he was gassed during combat and was discharged December 3, 1918. He married Pearlie Clark of Lineville, Clay County, Alabama September 19, 1920. She is a member of the Congregational Methodist Church. He was a member of New Hope Methodist Church. They lived in Goodes community until 1923, when they moved to Akron, Ohio. He worked at Goodyear Rubber Company for four years, and while they were there, a daughter Myrtle A. was born. Having moved back to Goodes community in 1927, he drove a school bus fourteen years. Their daughter Virginia E. was born after they had moved back to Goodes. They moved to Palmetto in December of 1931, and still live in the same house. Pearlie worked at Fort McPherson

for nineteen years and nine months.

Their daughters married brothers from Turin, Georgia. Myrtle A. married Robert L. Jones, a Ford Motor Company employee, on July 17, 1953. They and their daughter, Marilyn A. (Key punch operator for Penney's), live in Riverdale, Georgia. Their son, Wesley W., is a graduate of an Air Force Academy, and is now in the Air Force and is stationed in Boston, Massachusetts.

Virginia E. married Charles L. Jones, who is in the Army, on December 18, 1952. Their son, Lester C., a computer technician for Texas Instruments, lives in Lauderdale Lakes, Florida, and their daughter, Rachel E., who is working toward a B.S. degree in Occupation Therapy, lives in Palmetto.

Jeffie A. Wilson died June 12, 1969, and Charles L. Jones died January 15, 1965; both are buried at Floral Hill Cemetery in Palmetto.

Submitted by Virginia E. Jones

Wilson Family

Richard Manuel Wilson was born March 9, 1841, in Franklin County, Alabama. He served in the Civil War as a private in Company H of The Twenty-seventh Regiment of Georgia Volunteers. He was wounded June 2, 1864, at Cole Harbor, Virginia, and lost his right arm.

After the war he learned to live with one arm, as a farmer and peddler. He made a belt of leather with a ring to hold his hoe and chopped and picked more

cotton than most people with two hands. He married Margaret Ann Price and raised a family of ten children. This family came to New Hope Community for a few years and then went back to Alabama.

Their oldest son Joseph married Lunday Adline Shell, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Stephen Shell, December 8, 1888. Joe and Addie raised ten children: Arthur, Paul, Alton, Horace, Pearl, Clyde, Ludie, Myrtice, T. D. and Herman. This was a Methodist

Standing—Joe Wilson with some of his children and friends around a log of the biggest tree known to grow in this part of the country.



family. Mrs. Wilson's father and mother and grandparents Elisha and Tabatha Smart were charter members of the New Hope Methodist Church. These ten children were the fourth generation to belong to New Hope.

Joe and Addie were farmers, and he carpentered between farm seasons. They were honest, hard working people. He could cut more cordwood than anyone else and could pick cotton like a machine. She was known as manager of this home and did the chores of a farmer's wife. She helped all her children to have a way to earn a little spending money.

Addie's dream was to go to campmeeting in Franklin County. The biggest tree grown in this section was cut and sold, and with part of this money Joe and Addie went to campmeeting. After returning home, she took typhoid fever, and died October 21, 1920, at the age of fifty-two. He died September 8, 1943.

Submitted by Sara Wilson

Pearl Leeada Wilson

Pearl Leeada Wilson was born on January 9th, 1899, in Palmetto, Georgia, the fifth child of Joseph Jefferson Wilson and Lundy Adaline Wilson. Her mother died October 21, 1920.

In 1921 she moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to Girl's Church Home. She worked at Carhart Manufacturing Company.

On December 4, 1921, she married James Henry Tidwell, a mechanic from Moreland, Georgia, and they lived in Moreland until 1936.

There were five children: Dorothy Louise, born April 6, 1923; Lamar Thomas, born October 3, 1925; Tiny Ola, died June 26, 1929; and twin boys, Billy Joe and Bobby Lee, born April 3, 1930.

In 1936, Pearl moved back to Atlanta, where she worked as a seamstress at Marcus Loeb's Manufacturing Company until 1943.

After Henry's death she married Samuel Aaron Gilmer, December 22, 1943. Mr. Gilmer lived only a short time. During that time they lived in East Point, Georgia.

She was a professional seamstress and owned a nice home in East Point.

Later she met Walter Seaborn Cruse, a member of the Pentacostal church where she was a devout member. They were married on May 30, 1959, and lived in Atlanta until her death September 26, 1977.

Submitted by Dorothy Robinson

T.D. Wilson Family

T.D. Wilson, ninth child of Joseph and Adline Wilson, was born February, 27, 1909, and on May 7, 1933, married Sara Eidson, born December 30, 1913.

T.D. bought fifty acres of land from his father. He and Sara built their house, in which they still live. They were both from farm families, and T.D. worked as a carpenter between farm seasons. In 1942 T.D. was almost crippled with arthritis. He then had tularmia (rabbit) fever, and was the first person to survive it at Grady Hospital. Sara worked at Palmetto Cotton Mill for eleven years.

T.D. went to work at the Atlanta ASF Depot in 1943. August 12, 1943, in an accident at work his back was broken. There were long stays in the hospital and several operations. The whole way of life had to change. The family began keeping chickens and cows. The peak load was 34,000 broilers, and the last chickens were disposed of in 1970. The children can hardly

remember when they were not feeding chickens and gathering eggs. The family worked as a unit and if T. D. was in bed, the work went right along.

There have been four children: a daughter born March 20, 1934, who died in infancy; Jo Ann, born April 28, 1935; Sara Kathryn, born February 17, 1938; and Thomas Jerry, born March 3, 1941.

All members of the family are Methodists, members of New Hope. The children are the fifth generation to

T.D. Wilson Family. Left to right: Jo Ann, Kathryn, Sara, T.D. and Jerry.



belong to New Hope. When Jerry was twenty years old, he and his mother Sara earned a nine year Sunday School Pin.

T. D. and Sara enjoy their children and grandchildren,

their church, and their community. They each have hobbies that keep them busy.

Submitted by Sara Wilson

Thomas J. Wilson Family



Jerry, Sandra, Connie and Cristy Wilson.

Thomas Jerry "T. J." Wilson, fourth child of T. D. and Sara E. Wilson, was born in Fulton County on March 3, 1941. On December 7, 1963, he married Sandra Suttles Daniel, taking on the responsibility of raising three stepchildren: Kerry M. Daniel, born June 2, 1954; Tony C. Daniel, born July 16, 1957; and Carla A. Daniel, born August 23, 1959. On November 14, 1968, a daughter, Connie Jean, was born to T. J. and Sandra, and on August 18, 1971, a second daughter, Cristy Thomas, was born. They are equally yoked by love to all five of their children.

In 1965 they built their home on five acres of land

given to T. J. by his parents as a wedding gift. They are the third generation of Wilsons to live on this land.

The years 1963-65 were the only years T. J. was away from this community he so dearly loves; he was serving in the U. S. Army. He completed his basic training at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia, and served for eighteen months in Hawaii, reaching the rank of SPE 4. He was attached to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry.

At this point three of their children have married: Kerry to Barbara Loumakis; Tony to Cathy Whittaker; and Carla to John A. "Andy" Richardson, Jr. They have two granddaughters, April Richardson and Mandy Rene Daniel, born to Tony and Cathy Daniel.

T. J., Connie, Cristy and Sandra are all members of New Hope United Methodist Church, with much of their time, love and effort directed to this church and its purpose.

T. J. has been employed by Delta Air Lines since 1966, but still finds time to farm, raising a few cattle and most of the food they need.

Submitted by Sandra Wilson

Harold Wingo Family

Harold Wingo was born in Coweta County to Oscar and Sara Vinyard Wingo. He was one of six children, of whom all are deceased except Zed and G. P.

Everlena Lambert Wingo was born in old Campbell County. She was one of nine children born to Joseph and Martha Thomas Lambert.

Harold and Everlena were married April 13, 1935, and lived in the Goodes community, where they farmed. In 1938 they came to Palmetto and operated a service station until Harold went into the U. S. Army in 1943. He received his training at Camp Howez, Texas and Camp Livingston, Louisiana. In January of 1945 he sailed for Germany and did not know until the last of April that a son was born to him and Everlena on January 25, 1945. He stayed in Germany until the War ended and was discharged in October of 1945. He then returned to Palmetto and the service station business. In 1959 he went to work with Eastern Airlines and retired with disability in 1971.

Their son, Ronnie, finished high school in Newnan in 1963 and attended Georgia Tech for one year. He

then went to work with Southern Bell. In August of 1965 Ronnie married Kay Mabrey. After they had been married one year, Ronnie enlisted in the U. S. Navy. He stayed in the Navy for two years. They now have two sons, Jeff and Jon, and live in Fayetteville.

Harold and Everlena are spending their retirement years gardening and enjoying their grandsons, of whom they are very proud.

Harold, Everlena, Ronnie, and Kay are all members of Ramah Baptist Church.

Submitted by Mrs. Harold Wingo

Harold and Everlena Wingo. Picture was taken when Harold was in the Army in Louisiana in 1944.



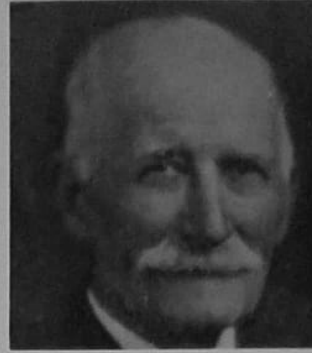
Moses N. Wingo Family

The father-in-law of Moses N. Wingo was Manuel E. Cranford, who was born in Coweta County south-east of Palmetto, Georgia, April, 1838, and remained in Coweta County all his life. He married Jane Bailey and they had six children. One daughter, Causby L. Cranford, was born July 27, 1870, and married Moses N. Wingo, born March 2, 1866. Moses N. Wingo was a farmer, owner and operator of a water ground corn mill, and Justice of Peace for forty-four years.

They lived and reared their six children in Palmetto. They had three boys and three girls. The boys were Edgar E., Nelson O., and Ralph L. Girls were Mattie Jean, Mable Elizabeth (Bess), and Louise. The children were all reared and educated in Palmetto. There were two grandchildren: Louis M. Wood, born to Mattie Jean, and Margaret A. Carraway, daughter of Ralph L.

Moses N. Wingo was a member of Ramah Church. All other members of the family belonged to Palmetto United Methodist Church.

Causby L. Wingo died January 15, 1923. Moses N. Wingo died January 13, 1954. All deceased are buried



Moses N. Wingo lived to be eighty-nine years old. This picture was made late in life. Causby L. Cranford taught school until her marriage.



at Floral Hill Cemetery.

Louise married Joseph G. Wise, June 25, 1945. Joseph G. Wise died October 11, 1971. Louise resides in Palmetto.

Submitted by Louise Wingo Wise

Clinton Oneil Winkles Family

Clinton Oneil Winkles was born to Robert Neil and Kate Winkles in 1914 in Coweta County. As a small boy he moved from Coweta to Fayette County, where he was reared on a farm. He has four half brothers, four half sisters, two brothers and six sisters. He farmed until 1940. He moved to Palmetto in 1940 and was employed by the Palmetto Cotton Mill as a Cloth Inspector. His favorite hobby was fishing. He was a member of the Ramah Baptist Church.

Dorothy Astin Winkles was born to Buel and Mattie Sue Astin in 1924 at Palmetto. She has three brothers, Robert, Ralph, and Roy, who live in Palmetto, and



Dot and Clinton Winkles

one sister Ruth Smith, who lives in Tyrone. She attended Charles E. Riley Elementary School in Palmetto and Campbell High School in Fairburn. She and Clinton met at the Fairburn Theatre in January of 1941, and they were married at the court house in Fayetteville, Georgia on December 24, 1941.

Dorothy worked at the Palmetto Cotton Mill for fourteen years. When the Mill closed down in 1958, she attended Massey Business College. In that year she was employed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield Insurance Company. She worked there from 1958 until 1971. In June of 1971, she went to work for the Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

She is a member of the Ramah Baptist Church. For recreation she likes to do ceramics and loves all sports.

Clinton as a boy had rheumatic fever, which affected his heart. He was in poor health most of his life. In the year of 1959 on the thirteenth day of March, God called him as one of his chosen people. He is buried in the Ramah Baptist Church Cemetery.

Submitted by Dot Winkles

Dan Winkles Family

Eugene Daniel Winkles was born in Fayette County, July 7, 1937, to Clarence Eugene (Gene) and Nettie

Mae Davis Winkles. He has one sister, Mary Ann Peek, of Palmetto, and a brother, Curtis Hope, of

Newnan.

Dan married Patsy Jones on June 30, 1955. They have four children: Patrice Rene, who married Joseph Richard Konnad, Jr., of Minnesota; and Phillip Daniel (Danny); Lori Felicia; and Larry Charles, all of Palmetto. They have one granddaughter, Lori Kathleen Konnad.

Patsy was the daughter of Jeffie and Rosie Jones. She has seven brothers and sisters: Walter D. (Fayette), of Newnan; Robert M., of Atlanta; Jeanette Hembree, of Palmetto; Marion D., of Stockbridge; Archie Lamar, of Tyrone; Thelma Carver and Jimmy F., of Jonesboro.

Both sets of parents worked in the Palmetto Cotton

Mill at the very early age of life until it closed down.

Dan, Patsy, and children belong to and attend the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon). They attended the Mormon Church in Palmetto until it was sold and a new one was built in Peachtree City, where they continue to attend.

Dan owns a Gulf Service Station in Palmetto on I-85 and Collinsworth Road, and Patsy has been a Kindergarten Teacher for the City of Palmetto since September, 1966.

They have lived at 515 Locke Street in Palmetto since 1959. Their children went to Riley Elementary and graduated from Palmetto High.

Submitted by Patsy Winkles

Lucy Richardson Woodard

Mrs. Lucy Richardson Woodard was born April 13, 1868, in South Carolina, and moved to Palmetto in September of 1868. In 1883 she married Robert Woodard, a long time resident of Palmetto. To her and Robert Woodard were born eleven children. These eleven children married into the Thurman, Jackson, Mayfield, Smith, Ware and other families that had been living in Palmetto.

Lucy and Robert were farmers and lived in various locations around Palmetto. Both were members of the Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Church and both of them served

their church well. Lucy Woodard was a member of the Stewardesses Board for more than sixty years.

After the death of her husband, she retired from farming and cooked for different families around Palmetto. She purchased property on Pleasant Street, where she lived until her death in 1965.

The property that she purchased on Pleasant Street is still in the hands of her surviving family members.

Submitted by James W. Smith

John Woods Family

John Tarrance Woods was born to William Franklin (Bill) and Josephine Tarrance (Josie) Woods on September 16, 1895, near Plainville, Georgia. He had five sisters and five brothers, all of whom are deceased. He attended school at Everette Springs, near Calhoun, Georgia. He taught school several years.

Lutie Belle was born to Francis (Frank) and Frances (Fanny) Owens August 19, 1887, in Grantville, Georgia, Merriwether County. She had three sisters, all deceased.

They married February 18, 1903. They moved to Birmingham, Alabama, where John was a street car operator for several years. He worked in a steel foundry until he became ill. His doctor told him to move to the country. He moved back to a farm near Plainville, Georgia, and regained his health. They bought a farm on Watkins Road, Palmetto Route, Old Campbell County in December of 1919. They raised five children: Murray Franklin, born March 27, 1905 (deceased); Willie Belle, born August 11, 1907; John Tarrance, Jr., born July 10, 1917; Evelyn Grace, born December 31, 1919; and Henley Pettis, born January 2, 1922. They were members of New Hope Methodist

Church. He taught a Sunday School Class and later was superintendent of the Sunday School.

Boll weevils ate the cotton crops in 1920, and the Woods could not build the new home John had planned. He was a Watkins Dealer for a year. When they left the farm in 1926, he bought a small shoe repair shop and moved to Acworth, Georgia. After a few years he sold it and bought a larger shoe and leather shop in Calhoun, Georgia, where he had a successful business.

His hobbies were walking, traveling, and visiting distant relatives.



John and Lutie Woods on their 50th wedding anniversary, February 18, 1953.

Josie died in January of 1955. John died in May of 1971; he was ninety-five years and seven months old

at the time of his death.

Submitted by Willie Belle Woods Wilson

Yates Family

James Yates, Joel Yates, and William Yates, brothers, were all born in Virginia, but later moved to Spartanburg County, South Carolina. In the 1830's they came to Campbell County. James and Joel married daughters of John Gideons of Spartanburg County. James, who was born May 19, 1785, married Tabitha Gideons on July 9, 1807. He died in Carroll County, Georgia on June 4, 1864. Their children were Lydia, Dr. John Fairfield, Melissa, William Harrison, Elijah, Elizabeth, Mary, and Joel Pinkney.

Joel Yates was born in June of 1788 and died on November 8, 1854. He married Lydia Gideons on November 24, 1811. She was born on January 30, 1789, in Virginia and died September 15, 1862. Joel Yates built the brick home which stands at the corner of River-town and Campbellton-Redwine Roads, using slave labor to make bricks for the house. He and Lydia left Campbell County and moved to Winston County, Mississippi, where they died and are buried. Their

children were Mary, Sarah, Alfred, Tabitha, John Calvin, Elizabeth, James Harvey, Martha Caroline, and Lydia.

Sarah Yates, daughter of Joel and Lydia Yates, was born on October 12, 1814, in South Carolina and was married on February 11, 1834, in Campbell County to Robert Burnett Smith. She died on November 18, 1890, and is buried at the Old Piney Woods Cemetery in Rico. She has numerous descendants who still live in the Rico Community and other communities in the area.

William, the other brother of James and Joel Yates, was born in 1790 and was married first to Mary Wright and second to Mrs. Rebecca Patty Moore. His children were Joel, William Patillo, Elizabeth, Margaret, James, Andrew Jackson (lived at Yatesville, Georgia, which was named for him), John, Elijah Martin, Berry, George W., and Charles.

Submitted by Lanny Cauthen

"Palmetto Is A Pleasant Place To Live"

1874

By Laura Steed

From "My Memoirs Of Palmetto"
Kept by Florrie Bullard Smith

Given our name, Palmetto, in 1847.—The railroad came our way in 1851.—We were chartered in 1854, and survived a war in 1864.—We come now to 1874 with so much more:

One hotel and one boarding house where the weary traveler might sleep.

Five physicians have we; one for every street: Dr's. Harrell, Watkins, Longino, Zellars and Latimer.

Two drug stores in town are owned and operated by Dr. Longino, and Dr. Zellars.

Dr. Hall Johnson is our dentist.

B. F. Thompson and A. Moss, law enforcement. Justice, Mr. Ellington.

Dry Goods, or General Stores: Longino's, Captain Beckman, J. C. Carlton, Holleman and Thornton, John Pennington, Arthur Hutchinson, J. K. Smith and N. Banks, M. W. Floyd, Captain Jackson, Pink Calhoun and H. Moss, Henry Stipe and C. C. Smith. Hat Store: Mrs. Stipe

Hardware Store: Sim Zellars

Buggies and Wagons: Tom Hood and Wellborn

Blacksmith (Horse Shoe Shop): Tom Hood and Clark Smith

Depot Agent is Billy Cole, and Mrs. Cumming, with help, rings the Methodist Church bell.

If you want to drink you will have to mount your horse and go to some other place, I think.

by Laura Steed

Lisa Harper is photographed during the Palmetto Spring Festival wearing a one hundred year old dress belonging to Mrs. Florrie Smith.



In Memoriam

William Howard "Pat" Johnston

William Howard "Pat" Johnston was born in Fulton County, Georgia, on May 30, 1907. Pat was one of five children having two brothers and two sisters. He attended the public schools of Palmetto, Georgia, and moved to Newnan, Georgia, with his family at an early age. Pat's first job was with the Atlanta-West Point Railroad, where he worked for four years. After leaving the employment of the Atlanta-West Point Railroad, he went to work for E.L. Johnston Auto Parts Company where he remained until his retirement. At the time of his death, he was being retained as a consultant by E.L. Johnston Incorporated (successor to E.L. Johnston Auto Parts Company).

The story is told that a town character by the name of "Big Pat" Johnson gave him the nickname of "Pat" at an early age and he was known by this name by all his friends and business associates throughout his life.

Pat was married to Florence Chandler at the early age of 18 on August 20, 1925. At his death, Pat was survived by his wife, Florence, and four children—Nina Adams, Patricia Smith, Edwin Johnston and W.H. Johnston, Jr., 16 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Pat and Florence moved to the location of their present home in 1930. They lived in a renovated tenant house until their present home was completed. The land upon which the home is located has been in the Johnston family over a long period of time. Pat spoke often of the many enjoyable hours he spent there, of his devoted wife, family and friends. There are few people that are honored with as many friends as Pat and Florence Johnston. Their friends live throughout the continental United States. Pat Johnston's many friends will long remember his collection of "walking sticks" which he collected from all parts of the country.

Pat Johnston was elected as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Coweta County in 1939 and served as a member of the board for 28 years. During his tenure in office as a member of the Board of Commissioners of Coweta County, he was elected in 1950 as President of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. He was later elected President of the National Association of County Officials, being the first County Commissioner from Georgia elected to this prestigious position. He also served by appointment on many national and state boards relating to county government.

The magazine "Georgia County Government" began publication at the suggestion and direction of Pat during his term of office as President of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. This mag-



azine is now the official publication of that organization.

Pat was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation in 1952. He was elected President of the Co-op in 1957, which position he held at the time of his death.

Pat Johnston was a man who showed his feelings through emotion, which was the trait of a man of unlimited compassion for his fellowman. He was admired by his business associates and friends and respected by those who disagreed with his views.

Pat Johnston contributed much as a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Coweta County and as President of the Coweta-Fayette Electric Membership Corporation to the making of a better way of life for the people of Coweta County and of the counties served by the Co-op.

Pat was a family man, proud of the accomplishments of his children and his grandchildren and always mindful and appreciative of the love of a devoted wife.

Pat Johnston will be missed not only by his family, his friends and associates, but by the Board of Directors and personnel of the Coweta Fayette Electric Membership Corporation.

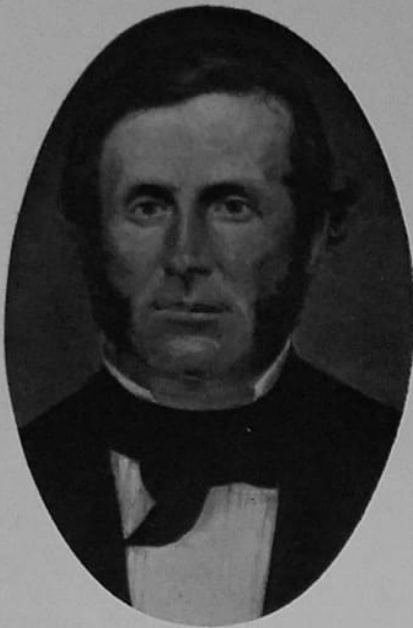
Pat was a life-long member of the Palmetto Baptist Church, a Shriner, a member of the Elks Club and various state and county professional organizations.

(Article taken from Rural Sparks April, 1976
E.M.C.)

Dedicated to the memory of "Mr. Pat" who believed that "love makes the world go around."

Submitted by Jean Bentley

Willis Penticost Menefee Family



Willis Penticost Menefee 1814 to 1855



Janett Watts Menefee, wife of Willis P. Menefee

Willis Penticost Menefee was born in 1814 in Talboton, Georgia, the son of George and Nancy Collier Menefee. He settled in old Campbell County in the early 1840's. His wife was Jannett Watts Menefee.

The Menefee home was on the south end of Main Street at the corner of Pine Street and Highway 29. The home began as a log cabin and later became one of the most beautiful homes of this area.

The 1850 census of Campbell County, Georgia, lists their children as Margaret A., George L.B.W., Willis

P., Thomas H., Sara E., and Lucy. Their son Willis P. was killed in the Civil War at Petersburg at the age of nineteen.

The land upon which the town of Palmetto is built was originally owned by Major Willis P. Menefee. He was considered the father of the town, and one of the early directors and stockholders in the Atlanta and LaGrange Railroad. When the railroad was being built, he gave all the land necessary for the tracks and station purposes. He also gave the property upon which the Palmetto Methodist Church is built.

Palmetto was named in honor of a company of South Carolina troops called the Palmetto Regiment, from Charleston, who found here a pleasant camping ground and rest from their weary march to the Mexican War. These soldiers were shown many acts of kindness by Major Menefee, and on leaving, presented him with a handsome sword, which is still treasured by his family. This was in January of 1847, and in May of that year the community was incorporated and given the name Palmetto. Willis Menefee was named one of the first commissioners when the town of Palmetto was chartered on February 18, 1854.

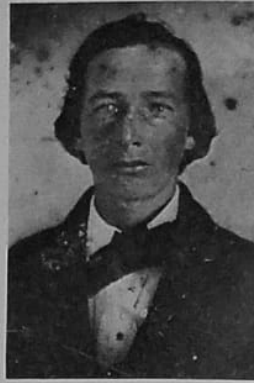


Mrs. Margaret Anne Wiley on the occasion of a presentation of a loving cup by her family.

Submitted by Willis Menefee Timmons, Jr., and
The Atlanta Historical Society



Lucy Colquitt Menefee Timmons,
daughter of Willis P. Menefee
and grandmother of Willis Menefee
Timmons, Jr., born June 8, 1853
and died December 12, 1886.

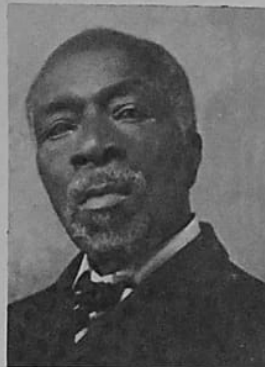


George Menefee, son of Willis P.
and Janett W. Menefee.



A Family Scene in Front of the Menefee Home

"Lev" was a very special man
to all the Menefee family and was
loved dearly by all of them. He could
preach a sermon on any part
of the Bible as well as any minister even
though he could not read or write.



Left to right: Mrs. Margaret A. Wiley, Mrs. S.M. Covin, Mrs. S.M.
Dean, Miss Stevie Timmons, and Mrs. Maggie Dean Warden.



Scene in front of Menefee Home about 1914-15. The Tom Harper
home is in the background. From left to right: Mrs. S.M. Dean, Mrs.
Maggie Dean Morris, Gordon F. Mitchell, Aline Mitchell Timmons,
Mrs. Margaret A. Wiley, in buggy, Willis Menefee Timmons, Jr.,
and Russell Mitchell Timmons. The horse is named Frank.



Daughters of the Menefees. Left to right: Sally (Mrs. Covin), Marga-
ret Ann (Mrs. Wiley), and Stevie (Mrs. Dean).



Russell Mitchell Timmons, Levison "Lev" Menefee and Willis
Menefee Timmons, Jr. about 1914-15. Much to the delight of the
two young Timmons boys, "Lev" always managed to appear at their
home in Atlanta during the Christmas holidays.

GOODES FAMILIES DEPART FOR LOUISIANA IN WAGON TRAIN

The year was 1857. The South had not yet been gripped and strangled by the war which was to come. Many men in the south were struggling against nature trying to wrest existence from the earth itself.

Georgia was as good a place as any for the battle it seems, but people everywhere often were captured by the urge to move on looking for a better place, or just looking.

So were the Hearnese, the Shells, the Jordans, and Carrolls touched, and on November 10, 1857, the group combined and loaded into ox-wagons before setting forth on a 45 day journey that was to take them to Jackson parish, Louisiana, in time for Christmas eve that year.

The group had grown to some 40 people, three slaves among them, and their desire was pointed at making "a start" for themselves in a new environment.

A better time of year for wagon travel could well have been picked, and the spirit of these people is much to be admired.

At least one case of typhoid fever is reported to have been in the group. D. F. Shell, Winnfield, reports that his father was stricken with the dreaded disease for most of the trip.

Shell also points out that streams, swollen by the winter rains, made crossing treacherous and in some cases the caravan was held up for hours while the wagons were floated across the water.

A diary kept by Shell's grandfather records most of the events along the way, including the road log.

They entered Jackson Parish Dec. 23 and camped in, out of the rain and snow, a Methodist Church at the Brooklyn settlement on Dec. 24, 1857, thus ending the journey.

Many of the names are forgotten or were never recorded. In the memory of some of the descendents are:

Lucinda Jordan, widow who married John Wesley Carroll back in Georgia after Carroll's wife died on the first trip.

Joshua Shell, grandfather of D. F. Shell, and Mrs. James Ballard Hearne, widow and mother of Oliver, Fletcher, Craton, and Howell Hearne who also came.

The Hearne family had some grandchildren and the Shell family had seven children.

Jack Jordan, father of Miss Della Jordan of Chatham and three of her uncles, William, Jim and Prax Jordan were also among the group.

Today, hundreds of the descendants are expected to gather at Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church about eight miles southeast of Chatham, for the "100th Wagon Train Celebration." This will mark the first celebration of the pioneering trip.

You could expect many-a-tale to be related when the group assembles today. Probably many of the people living have not seen each other in many years. Some may meet for their first time even though they bear close blood kinship.

Whatever the events that unfold there, we might pause and note that such spirit as that of the Hearnese, Shells, Carrolls and Jordans, when they made their trek from Georgia, was the type of spirit that has given us the things we so enjoy today.

Article by Austin Abrams



A part of the Jacob Redwine family left Campbell County, Georgia in November of 1857 for Jackson Parish, Louisiana. In this wagon train was a grandson of Jacob Redwine, John Wesley Carroll and family. A grandson of John Wesley Carroll, is shown as he visits the grave site of Jacob Redwine. Standing by stone: Buddie Carroll, Judy Carroll Marshall, and Beth Carroll Fowler. This stone is hand printed by slave labor and was a native stone taken from the Cedar Creek on the family plantation in Palmetto.

Log of Trip

CAMPBELL COUNTY GEORGIA

Tuesday, November 10, 1857—Crossed the Chattahoochee River at the Widow Varner's Ferry. Traveled 11 miles.

Wednesday, November 11—Passed Carrollton, Ga. Traveled 18 miles.

Thursday, November 12.

Friday, Nov. 13—Bowden, Ga. Altered chains. Crossed state line, entered Randolph County, Alabama.

Saturday, Nov. 14—Aveclooce Village. Forded Big Talapoosa River at Gordon's Ford. Traveled 15 miles. Crossed Chockaloochee Mountains and camped in Chockaloochee Valley and had limestone water.

Sunday, Nov. 15—Lay by and went to Baptist meeting in Taladega County.

Monday, Nov. 16—Bought a ham in Taladega town.

Tuesday, Nov. 17—

Wednesday, Nov. 18—Crossed Coosa river at Pymulga Ferry, Shelba County. Crossed Alabama and Tennessee Railroad at Wilsonville depot.

Thursday, Nov. 19—In Columbiana town, the County seat, and passed Shelby Springs.

Friday, Nov. 20—In Montavalo town, in Bib County.

Saturday, Nov. 21—Forded Cohada river at Brats Ferry. Camped at Branchater Post to Tuscaloosa.

Monday, Nov. 23—In Tuscaloosa County.

Tuesday, Nov. 24—Tuscaloosa town. Crossed Tuscaloosa bridge on the Black Warrior river.

Wednesday, Nov. 25—Pikage at the Sipang Turnpike, Pickens County.

Thursday, Nov. 26—Passed through Pickensville and forded the Tombigbee River. Mississippi, Noxube County.

Saturday, Nov. 28—Macon, the county seat of Noxube, Mobile and Memphis Railroad. Camped in Noxube or Winston County. Rained Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Sunday, Nov. 29—In Louisville, the County seat.

Monday, Nov. 30—Two miles from Louisville, camped in Attala County.

Tuesday, Dec. 1—Toll bridge at Yockannakang, 1 1/2 miles from Kosciusko town, the county seat in Attala County.

Wednesday, Dec. 2—Traveled through the Northwest corner of Leake County.

Thursday, Dec. 3—Passed through Sharon, camped

in Madison County.

Friday, Dec. 4—In Canton, County seat of Madison.

Fletcher's oxen gave out in Seven Mile Lane.

Rainy day and night. Traveled 14 miles.

Saturday, Dec. 5—Traveled three miles.

Sunday, Dec. 6—Hinds County, traveled 15 miles.

Monday, Dec. 7—In Brownsville. Two new mule shoes put on. Rainy day and night. Traveled 10 miles.

Tuesday, Dec. 8—Forded Big Black River, @75¢ per wagon, \$1.50. Camped in Warren County.

Wednesday, Dec. 9—

Thursday, Dec. 10—Traveled 12 miles.

Friday, Dec. 11—In Vicksburg, ferryage \$5.00 to cross Mississippi river. Entered Madison Parish, traveled 12 miles.

Saturday, Dec. 12 & 13—Camped on Wonnet Bayou, traveled 19 miles.

Monday, Dec. 14—Tensas River, crossed @75¢, \$1.50. Traveled 11 miles.

Tuesday, Dec. 15—Morning on Jos Bayou @70¢, \$1.40 to cross. At Cow Bayou unloaded and toted over and got to Bayou Mason and camped. Two steam boats went up in the fore part of the night.

Wednesday, Dec. 16—Morning at Bayou Mason, Dearefield Post Office. Ferry @75¢, \$1.50 in Carroll Parish. Camped at Big Creek. Traveled 9 or 10 miles. In the night some rain.

Thursday, Dec. 17—Crossed the bridge went through the deep water, and at the Sipers Bayou bridge took out the team and folks and floated the wagons. By 35 minutes after 11 O'clock at Sipers creek. We rafted over on the raft and camped and had little for our stock to eat. Three wagons, 28 persons from Miss., 5 from Alabama came up on their trip from Alabama going to Texas. Traveled 4 miles.

Friday, Dec. 18—Boeuf River at Cats Ferry @ 70¢, \$1.40. Traveled 10 miles.

Saturday, Dec. 19—At Lake Lafush at Jons Ferry @ 68¢, \$1.36. Morehouse Parish.

Sunday, Dec. 20—Ouachita Parish. Rained for part of night, traveled 20 miles.

Monday, Dec. 21, and Tuesday, Dec. 22—In Monroe. Ferryage at the Ouachita at Trenton Street, \$1.42. Traveled 15 miles.

Wednesday, Dec. 23—Jackson Parish.

Thursday, Dec. 24—Rain, hail, snow, got to meeting house. Ate dinner in a Methodist meeting house and camped in a house in the settlement of Brooklyn P. O. in Jackson Parish, in the snow. Traveled 7 miles.

Oliver R. Hearn, Wagonmaster

Submitted by Virginia Carroll

Bullard Family

Thomas J. Bullard, son of Thomas W. and Susan A. Miller Bullard, was born April 4, 1847, at Campbellton. His wife, Margaret Catherine Holleman Bullard, was born August 3, 1847, in Abbeville County, South Carolina, the daughter of Richard Steven and Mary Lucinda Gassaway Holleman.

Thomas J. Bullard and Margaret G. Holleman were married January 1, 1866, and after nine years of plantation life, the family moved to Palmetto. Here he established the successful mercantile business of Bullard and Arnold, later to become Bullard and Sons. He died February 14, 1915; she died May 2, 1919. They are buried in the Floral Hill Cemetery in Palmetto.

Thomas J. and Margaret Holleman Bullard had seven children: Emma Florence, Richard Thomas Parker, Duward Benjamin, Nancy Sue, Maggie Lucile, Jefferson, and Jimmy.

Emma Florence (Florrie), was born August 25, 1868, and died July 8, 1945. As a talented young lady she shared first honors and delivered the salutatory for the graduating class of LaGrange College on June 12, 1885. She was married December 18, 1888, to Robert Frederic Smith, born February 5, 1869, the son of John Augustin and Susan A. Cooper Smith. At the time of his death, May 12, 1914, he was superintendent, and secretary and treasurer of the Palmetto Cotton Mill. He was an active and faithful member of the Palmetto Methodist Church, where for many years he taught a Sunday school class. Two children of Fred and Florrie Smith are now living in the old home on Toombs Street in Palmetto: Evelyn Cooper Smith, a retired employee of the telephone company, and Florrie Katherine Smith, a retired teacher with forty-five years of service, six in Campbell County, and thirty-nine in the Fulton County School System. The deceased children of this family are Mary Lucile Smith, who was born November 24, 1889, and died May 23, 1961; Headden Claude Smith, who was born September 18, 1894, and died April 10, 1968; and Frederic Parker Smith, who was born February 16, 1903, and died July 10, 1903.

The beloved Doctor Richard Thomas Parker Bullard was born April 29, 1871, and died January 19, 1945. He was a graduate of the Emory University Medical School. Professionally he served Palmetto and the surrounding area for almost half a century with all the love and lore attending a family physician-patient relationship. He served many terms as mayor of Palmetto, and as a Mason and Scottish-Rite Shriner. As an active and faithful member of the Pal-

metto Methodist Church, he held many offices of responsibility. He was first married to Evelyn Beatrice Cochran, who was born June 25, 1870, and died April 14, 1900. His second marriage was to Leola Sims, who was born November 26, 1877, and died May 25, 1969. He is buried in the Floral Hill Cemetery in Palmetto beside his second wife, Leola Sims Bullard, who survived him in death by twenty-five years.

Duward Benjamin Bullard was born April 30, 1875, and died April 1, 1960. He was married first to Orrie May Herrington, who was born March 25, 1875, and died August 28, 1918. His second marriage was to Alice Wood. His business career began with his father in the firm of Bullard and Sons, Palmetto.

Mary Sue Bullard, who was born June 1, 1880, and died September 29, 1958, was married to Walter Herrington. They had one daughter, Florrie Herrington Blackmon, who was born July 12, 1914, and died September 24, 1962. They also had one son, Walter Leo Herrington.

Maggie Lucile Bullard was born June 8, 1884, and died June 16, 1886. Jefferson (Jeffie) Bullard was born January 27, 1887, and died December 24, 1890. James Furman (Jimmy) Bullard was born February 25, 1891, and died September 11, 1964. Affable in personality, he was associated with his brother, Duward B. Bullard. He never married, and was a life-long and faithful member of the Palmetto Methodist Church.

From records available, it appears that Thomas J. Bullard and his descendants have served as many, if not more, years as mayors of Palmetto than any other. The most recent was his great grandson, James (Jimmy) Thomas Bullard, city councilman 1967-1971, and mayor 1972-1973.

Submitted by Henley Campbell



Photograph taken in 1905 on veranda of Mother's new house. Left to right, Miss Minnie Herrington on floor, Aunt Mary Holleman in corner, Florie Smith in rocker, Mother (Maggie Bullard) in chair, Mary Sue Herrington in rocker, Dr. Bullard in corner, Orrie May Bullard wearing hat, Duward Bullard on floor and Turman Bullard on steps.



IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE
OF
GRANDMA AND GRANDPA

Ida Swanson Weaver
Born February 18, 1867
Died January 14, 1953

Edward Benjamin Weaver
Born January 25, 1878
Died September 30, 1961

Submitted by Ida Weaver Reeves
and Sara Weaver Brooks

New Hope United Methodist Church

In 1843-44 members of the Watts Methodist Church, Cochran Mill Road, and Carroll Methodist Church, Palmetto-Roscoe Road, united to form the New Hope Methodist Church, approximately four miles west of the community later named Palmetto.

The first church was built of logs by the members and was used until 1858. The first ministers to serve the church were John W. Yarbrough and Ephraim Pennington, local preachers. The oldest legibly marked tomb in the church yard cemetery is dated 1851.

The Charter Membership was comprised of the families of Grant Roberts, William McGhee, Wiley Steed, Jacob Hearn, Kenney Hearn, Berry Watts, William Davenport, William Andrew, Elisha Smart, Wiley Hopkins, Jesse Ballard, Dr. Pernel Skeen, Tom Tongino, Bill Davis, Stephen Shell, James Carroll, John Redwine, Eli Reeves, John Floyd, Eli Bailey, Ephraim Pennington, Sion Steed, and John Conder.

In 1858, under the pastorate of the Reverend M. H. Hubbard, the log church was replaced by a larger frame building near the same site. The Reverend Absolem Longino preached the first sermon in the new building and his grandson, the Reverend Frank Longino, preached the last some seventy-nine years later.

Sabbath School was organized before 1865. After being closed for short periods of time, the school was reorganized in 1875 with J. T. Longino appointed superintendent. The Church School is a vital part of the church today. Vacation Church School has been a part of the educational program since 1947, with a summer children and youth worker employed for the past three summers.

During those early years, the Reverend Stephen Shell organized the Epworth League, the Sunday evening fellowship for all ages. The League was disbanded for a number of years and was reorganized in 1926, with Jim Robinson serving as president. This active group served both Methodists and Baptist in the community. In 1950, under the leadership of the Reverend Worth Sweet, the Methodist Youth Fellowship replaced the Epworth League. Ann Shell was the first president of the new organization, which served youth ages 12-23. The United Methodist Youth Fellowship continues to be very active today.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1932, the first president being the pastor's wife, Mrs. C. M. Rogers. Presently named the United Methodist Women, this organization, consisting of two chapters at New Hope, supports missions on the local, conference and national levels while enriching the spiritual growth and personal friendships of its members. In December 1953, this group began sponsoring an annual Golden Age Christmas Dinner, honoring men and



New Hope Methodist Church as it appeared in 1937. Dr. Bullard's old Dodge is parked in front of the old church.

women of the community who have passed their seventieth birthdays. This Golden Age Club is still sponsored by a chapter of the U.M.W. and includes outings and other activities in addition to the annual dinner.

The Methodist Men's Club was originally formed in the late 1950's and was reorganized in 1976 with Larry Kessinger as president. Through the efforts of this group a picnic pavillion was built and the church parking lot was paved. This club continues to unite its members in a bond of Christian fellowship and pride in their church.

The present main building consisting of a sanctuary and three Church School rooms was erected in 1936-37 across the road from the two previous buildings. The Reverend Hubert Dodd was the pastor. In 1940 new pews were installed, and in 1948 new pulpit furniture was dedicated to the memory of Clyde Bearden and Winston Shell, members who lost their lives in World War II.

The first of two additions was completed in 1950, consisting of Church School rooms, kitchen and fellowship hall. A home for its pastors was constructed in 1961, with the Reverend Malone Dodson and his family being its first occupants. A second wing of Church School rooms and restrooms was added in 1963 while the Reverend Hal N. Brady, III, was pastor.

New Hope Church is proud of her heritage, having many members who have become leaders in other churches throughout Georgia. Two great bishops of the Methodist Church were influenced by the early fellowship. Bishop James Andrew was the brother of William Andrew and Mrs. William Davenport, charter members. Bishop Blanton Parks, whose mother was a slave of the Davenports, was raised in the neighborhood and doubtless attended New Hope Church with his "white folks." In 1916, George T. Shell, grandson of Stephen Shell, charter member, was admitted to the North Georgia Conference and served as a minister until his death.

Submitted by Sara Wilson, Rachael Lloyd, Sandra Wilson

In Memoriam James Parks Shell

James Parks Shell, better known as "Jimmy," was born August 31, 1859. He was the oldest son of John R. and Elizabeth C. Shell. He married Anna Elizabeth Gore and had three children: James Oliver, John Wesley, and Rosey Bell. Anna Elizabeth died on March 12, 1885. James was living in Paulding County at that time, but later moved to Campbell County and married Frances Ann Shell, daughter of Stephen and Sarah Shell. They were blessed with seventeen children, including two sets of twins, losing three of the children in infancy. They reared nine sons: Homer Redwine, William Frank, George Thomas, Henry Pierce, Stephen Parks, Lee Jefferson, Loy Quillian, Charles Gary and Andrew Felton. They also reared five daughters: Flossie Mae, Sarah Callie, Betty Carl, Lou Elsie, and Hattie Laura.

James purchased two hundred acres of land from Jeff Barfield on Atlanta Newnan Road in Goodes community in the southern part of old Campbell County. The original house was a log school house, which he remodeled and continued to enlarge as his family grew. He always made sure that there was an extra room set aside for travelers. This was in the horse and buggy days and food and lodging were appreciated. The room was frequently used on weekends by his pastors when they had Saturday and Sunday morning services at his church.

He was a very religious man, gathering his large family about him at the close of day for Bible reading and prayers of thanksgiving. Another event in his home was the practice of making Sunday dinner a highlight. Perhaps it was not the food served so much as the atmosphere that counted: warm hospitality to guests, sharing together blessings of the morning sermon, or comments on the favorite hymns. Wherever we may go throughout the length and breadth of the world, when it is time for Sunday dinner, we will always return in mind and spirit to our home and what it stood for.

He was a member of New Hope Methodist Church. He served in all areas of the church work, from building fires in the large pot-bellied stoves to Superintendent of Sunday School, Trustee and Board of Stewards, missing very few services. He did not rule his family with a rod, but with love and understanding. He lived a good example before them, each child early in life learning love and obedience, and the principle that each was his brother's keeper.

Four of his sons served in World War I. Homer was employed by C. B. Mosley and Company of Palmetto, for a number of years. Later he was clerk for the City of Palmetto until his retirement. George Thomas was a member of the North Georgia Methodist Conference and served various occupations.

James' entire life was spent on the farm, so just about any kind of food was raised at home, such as pork, beef, chicken, vegetables, fruits, berries, milk, and butter. He raised wheat and corn, and carried it to the mill to have his own flour and meal ground. He was interested in civic affairs of the community. He was a trustee of the Goodes Community School. On one occasion he was known to walk five miles in the early morning in sub-freezing weather to Palmetto and then ride a bus to Fairburn to serve as a juror in the county court. He was one of the first two men in the community to provide electricity for his family.

His life was not without trials and temptations. About two years before his death he developed a heart problem, which slowed his activities very much, but he managed to carry on until June 23, 1925, when he passed away. His wife lived on at their home for several years. She had a major stroke, and although she lived five years, she never completely recovered and passed away on March 20, 1947. They were buried at New Hope Methodist Church in Goodes, where a goodly number of their descendants still worship.

He was a good husband, a loving father, and a God-fearing man. His youngest son, Andrew, now lives at the old home place. Today there remains an ancestry of three sons, three daughters, twenty-three grandchildren, forty-one great grandchildren, and six great, great grandchildren.

The lives of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Shell have left a deep and indelible mark on the character of those in the entire Goodes community who ever knew or heard of them.

Submitted by Sons and Daughters



Jimmy Shell Family including in-laws and early grandchildren



Aurora Hunt
"Lolie"



Rachel Elizabeth
"Lizzie"



Susan Frances
"Fannie"



Hill Andrew Richardson



Henry Horace
Horace



Levi Matthew
"Matt"

LOVINGLY IN MEMORY
OF
AND TRIBUTE TO
THE
HILL ANDREW RICHARDSON FAMILY



Amelia Port Richardson



Thomas GeHugh
"Tom"



Mittie Amelia
"Doll"



Minnie Mae
"Sweetie"

By Grandchildren and son Horace

Treasured Memories of the Richardson House on the Hill

It was around 1891 through 1906 that Hill Andrew Richardson came into possession of a large acreage of land, some obtained from a C.S. Reid, some from a James W. Little, and perhaps some inherited. We know little of the circumstances concerning these transactions, but the times suggest the breaking-up of large plantation tracts of which this land may have been a part. Two private cemeteries in the area also lend credence to this theory. Likewise it is unknown whether Hill built the existing house at the top of the hill where Cochran Mill Road adjoins Hutcheson Ferry Road or if it was a family residence of the Littles. No matter, for it has ever since been known as the Richardson domain.

Most of Hill and Amelia's children pictured on the opposite page were born in this house. Upon Hill's death, ownership passed on to Amelia, and she lived here until her death in 1945. Portions of the original tract of Hill's land were sold to his children, Doll and Matt, and some to non-family but it was the home place and the remaining acreage that eventually became Tom's around 1945. Tom, being the last child to marry, brought his bride, Annie, to this house on their wedding night. Here they resided and reared their children.

Through these years Hill and Amelia's children drew strength from a visit to the homeplace as they continued to return home bringing children, then grandchildren, and eventually great-grandchildren. Living by the motto "Your Word Is Your Honor," the Richardson name became synonymous with honesty.

Tom died in 1947, but "Miss Annie" carried on the tradition of open house to family, friends and neighbors. During the late forties and through the fifties, as her own children were growing up, the house was the stage for parties and gatherings for all ages as had been the tradition of three generations.

Taffy pulls and pound parties continued to be held; the corn shuckings were replaced by an annual Halloween costume party, a custom started in the forties and held on the Saturday night nearest Halloween. No invitations were sent, but people came from as far away as Hapeville and Newnan. The game was to guess who was behind each mask before refreshment time, when true identities were revealed. Rarely did everyone know everyone else after the masks were off, but no matter, for it was understood that "he's a friend of so-and-so," and thus welcome.

Not many Sundays passed that the house and/or yard were not filled with the laughter of friend and

kin, as the house on the hill just seemed to be headquarters. Games of ringmen, marbles, horseshoes, hide-and-seek, baseball and kick-the-can were enjoyed by young and old alike. "Miss Annie," an accomplished story-teller, enchanted all as she recounted the stories of her youth or told hair-raising accounts of local "haints." To soothe the nerves, there were refreshments of homemade ice cream, watermelon or lemonade. All was not games, however, for when chore time came, play ceased and friend and kin were put to task until everything was completed. Also, there were the annual "Family" Easter Egg Hunts, with a portion of the woods behind the house set aside for the "old kids." Tom's barbecued goat was enjoyed by the family several times a year.

Christmas on the hill was better than a trip to Disney World, for all the Richardson clan returned home burdened with food and gifts. Dinner would have not been complete without Doll's chili, Sweetie's scalloped oysters, Allie's prune cake, or Lizzie's chocolate cake. Taste buds tingled all year awaiting these special delights. When the family gathered around the table, a brief period of quietness reigned as Horace returned thanks to God for His blessings. After dinner came the Christmas Tree, with youngsters eagerly awaiting the moment when the dishwashing would be done and gifts opened. Fannie, a frugal person, always started in January making a gift for everyone. Warmhearted and generous, she and her endeavors were the highlight of the day, as were James Swanson's trick gifts. Adding to the festivities was the moment when Yates apples, packed in barrels in the cellar, were brought out to be eaten with pecans from the many trees on the home place. This was a grand and gala time, never to be erased from the memory of those involved.

As one by one Hill and Amelia's children's health failed and Tom and Annie's children left home, the activities became less frequent and much quieter. "Miss Annie" died in 1972, and ownership of the home place passed on to Berta. Times have changed, but the spirit of open doors remains as if the very wood of the house speaks "welcome to all who enter this humble abode."

May God grant that this and subsequent generations—remembering the honesty and forthrightness of their forefathers—will recapture and carry on in the spirit of Christian love for their fellow man.

Submitted by Berta Richardson Bradley

House Sketched By Joan Belyeu

Sallie Ramage Hutson (Memorial)

Sallie Ramage Hutson was born October 30, 1910, in Buffalo, Alabama, and died November 28, 1977. Her family moved to East Point, Georgia, in 1926, where she graduated from Russell High School in 1928. This was the first class to graduate after the school became a part of the Fulton County System.

After graduation she was employed by Western Union, and later by the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. Through business association she met E. B. Hutson, agent for the Standard Oil Company in Palmetto. They became engaged and were married in June, 1940, and made their home on Main Street in Palmetto.

She became active in church, civic, and community affairs. She was a lover of flowers and was a member of the Atlanta Rose Society and the local Garden Club. After her husband's death she operated in Palmetto a flower shop, which included wedding consultant service. As a member of the City Council of Palmetto she was helpful in promoting and securing benefits for the community.

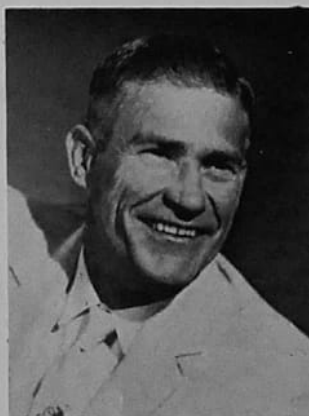
She was an active and faithful member of the Methodist Church and the Wesleyan Service Guild. She related well to the youth of the church, and they to her, in their many activities. Serving as a board member in various offices of the church, she was responsible for many contributions and improvements,

not only in the local church, but on a district level. She was a friend to her pastors' families, and they held her in great esteem as their testimony will confirm.



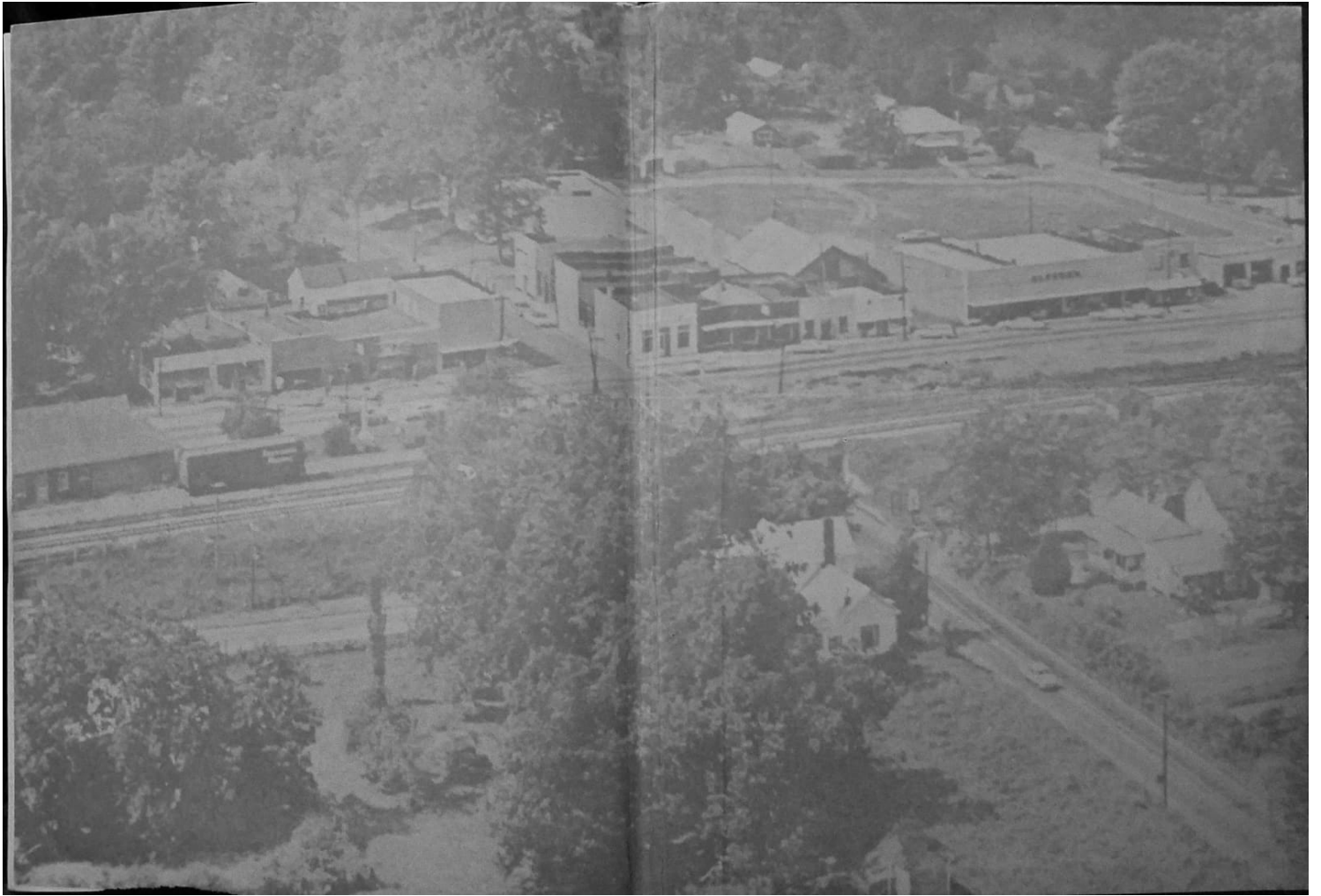
Love planted a rose,
and the world turned sweet,
Love sent us a Saviour,
So we might sit at the Master's feet.
Love planted a garden
where we forever more shall meet.

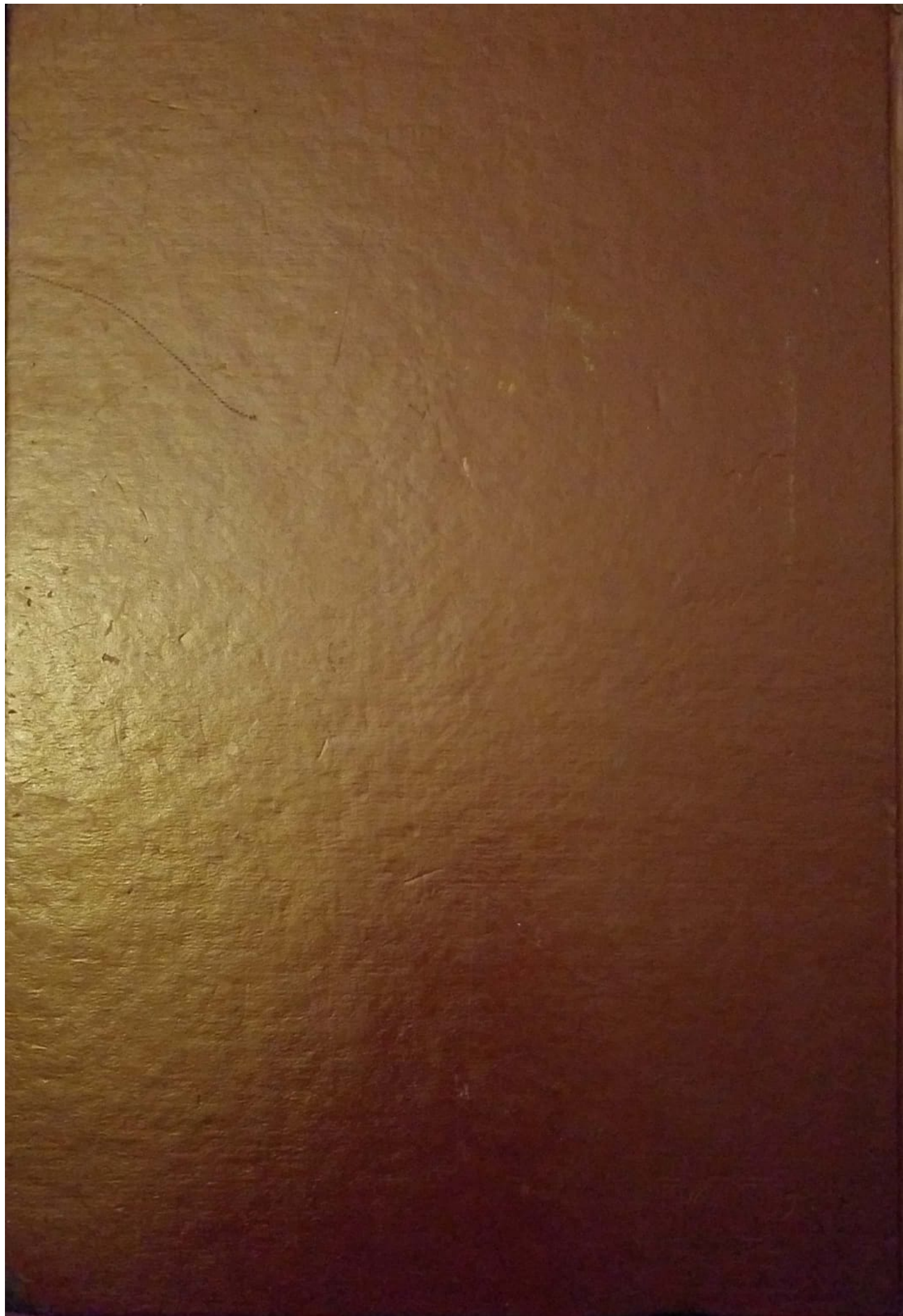
Jesse Leo Swancey 1909-1964

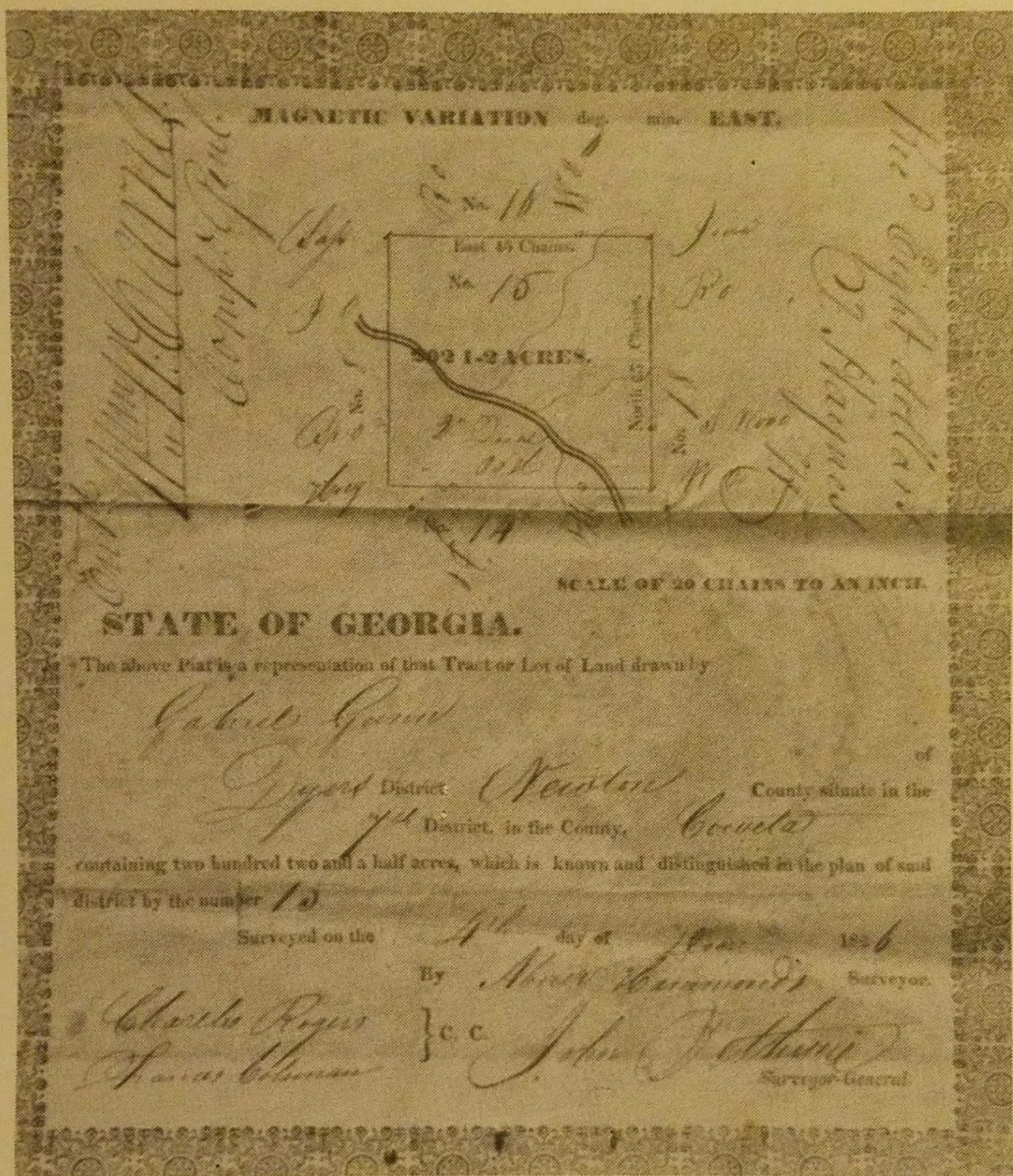


A grandfather is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher and a little bit best friend. He is happy memories and good times to look forward to. He is wisdom, kindness, understanding, generosity and most of all, love—

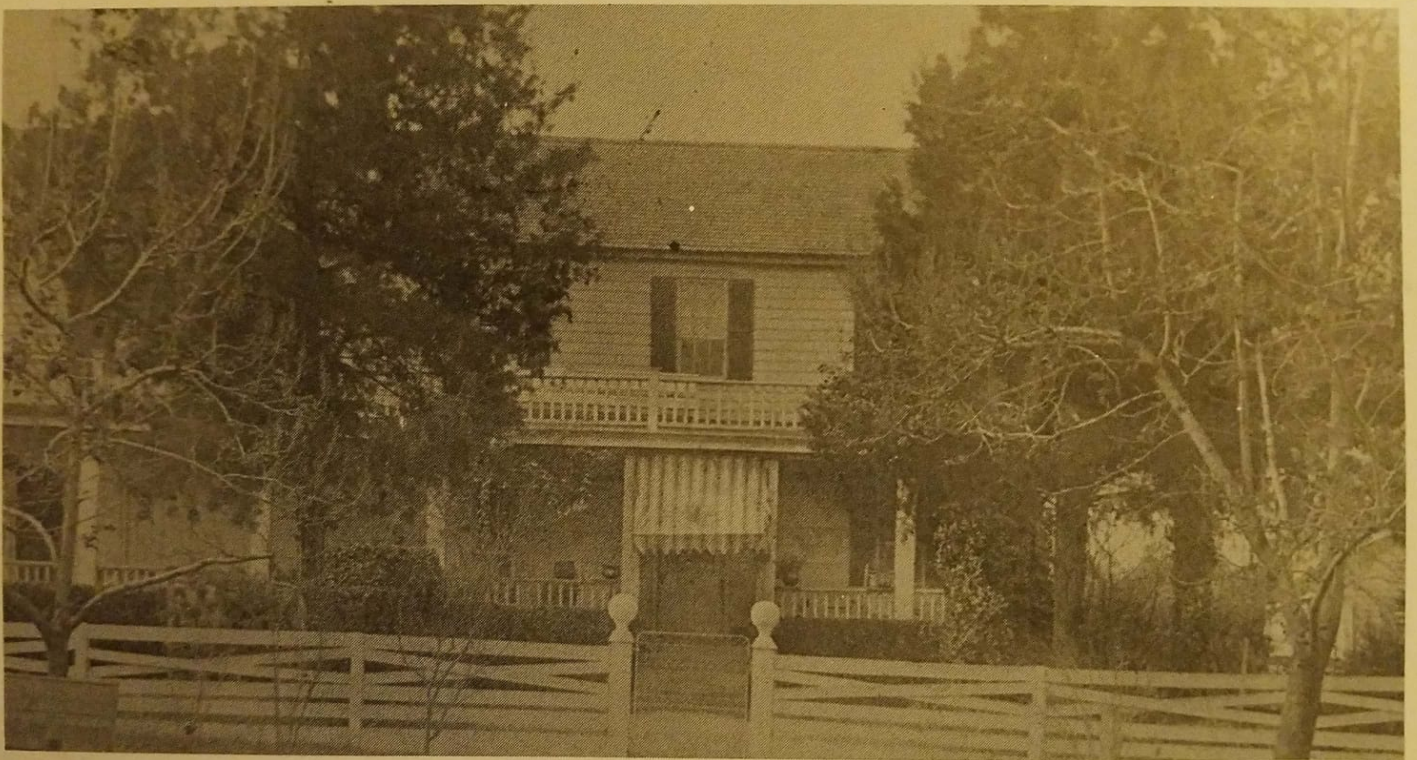
Jesse Swancey was all of this and more to four children: Melanie, Deborah, Ted Jr. and David.



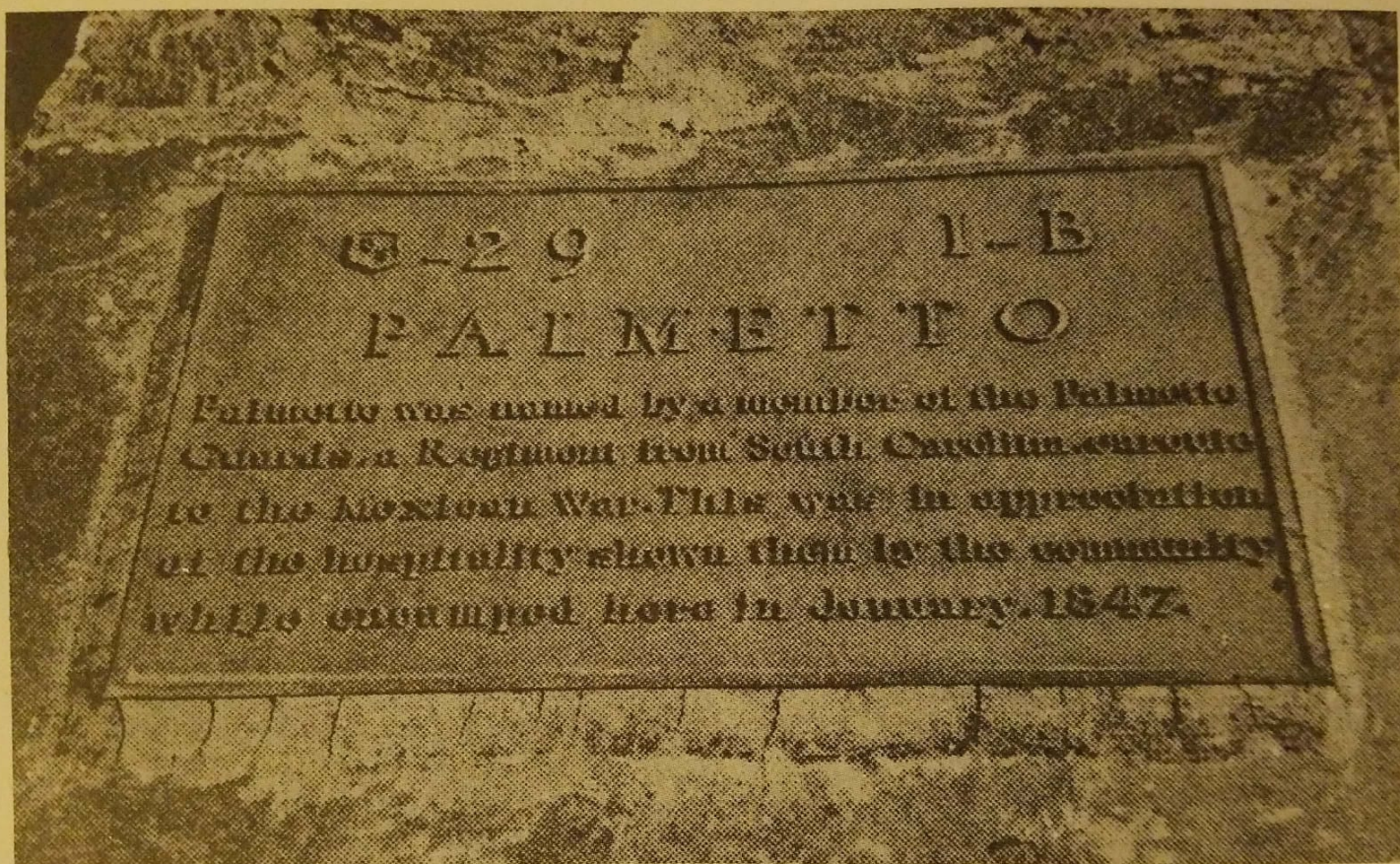




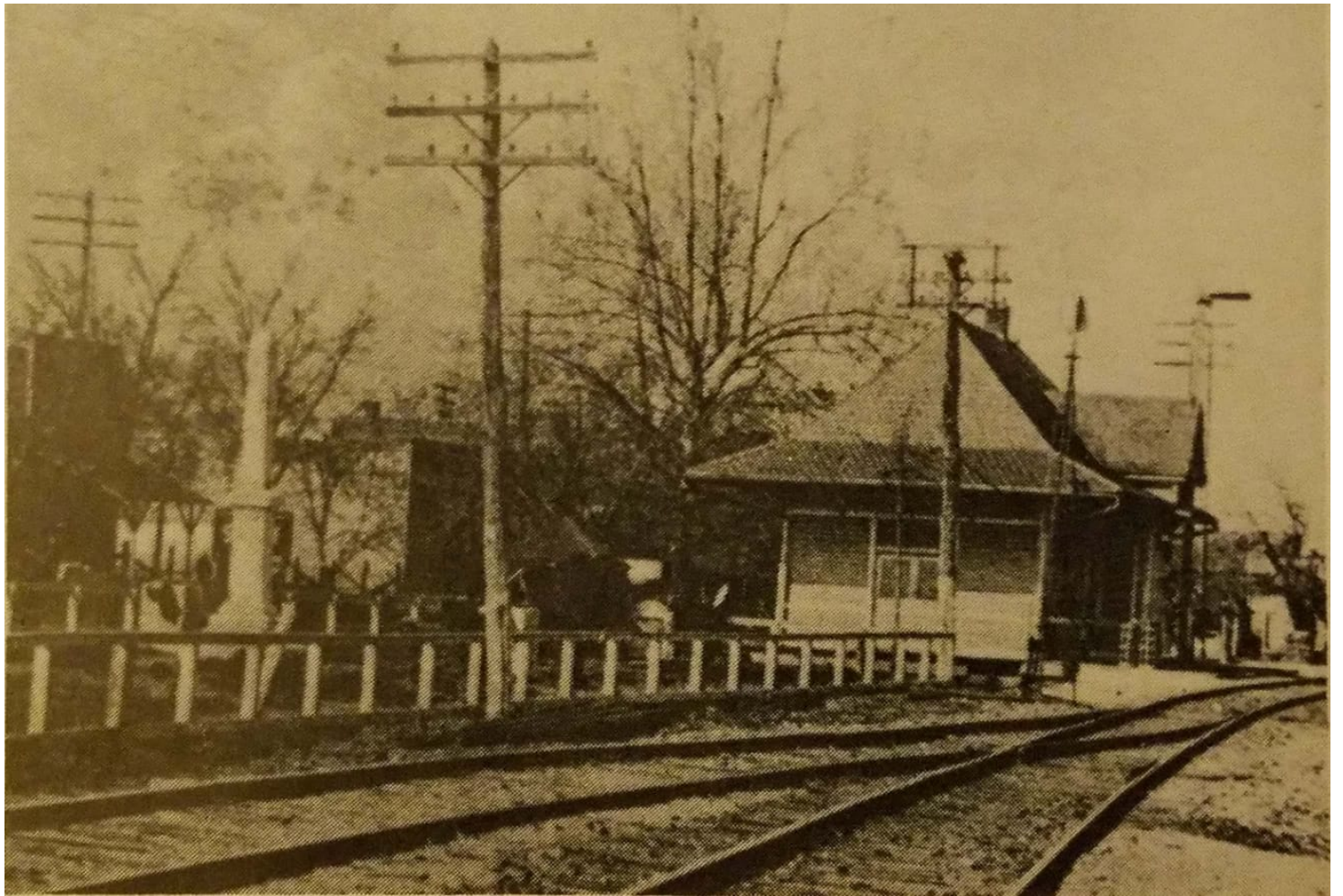
This is a land grant drawn in the 1827 Lottery by Gabriel Gunn for two hundred and two and one-half acres in the seventh district of Coweta County, now Palmetto.



The Menefee Home in 1841.

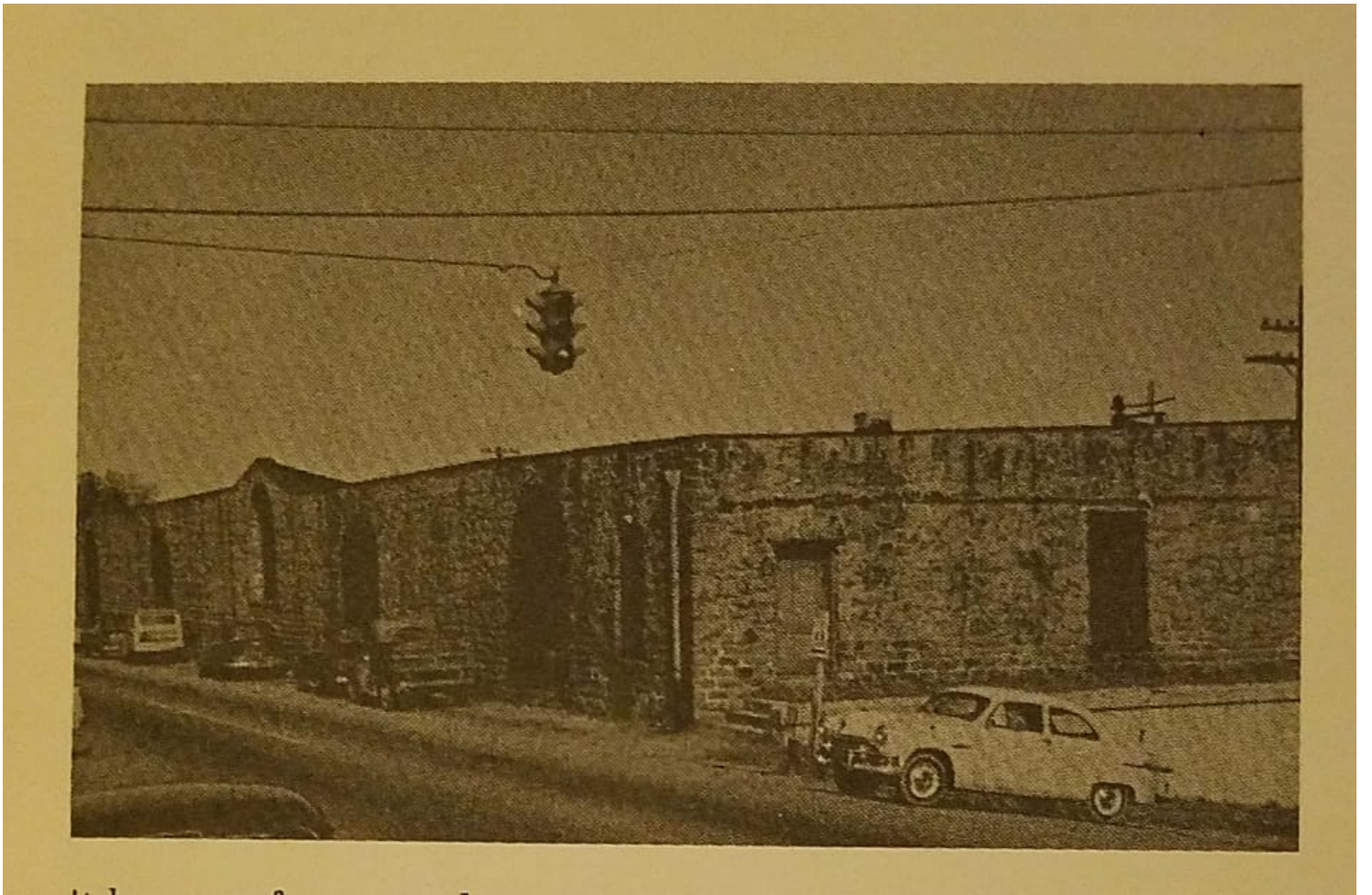


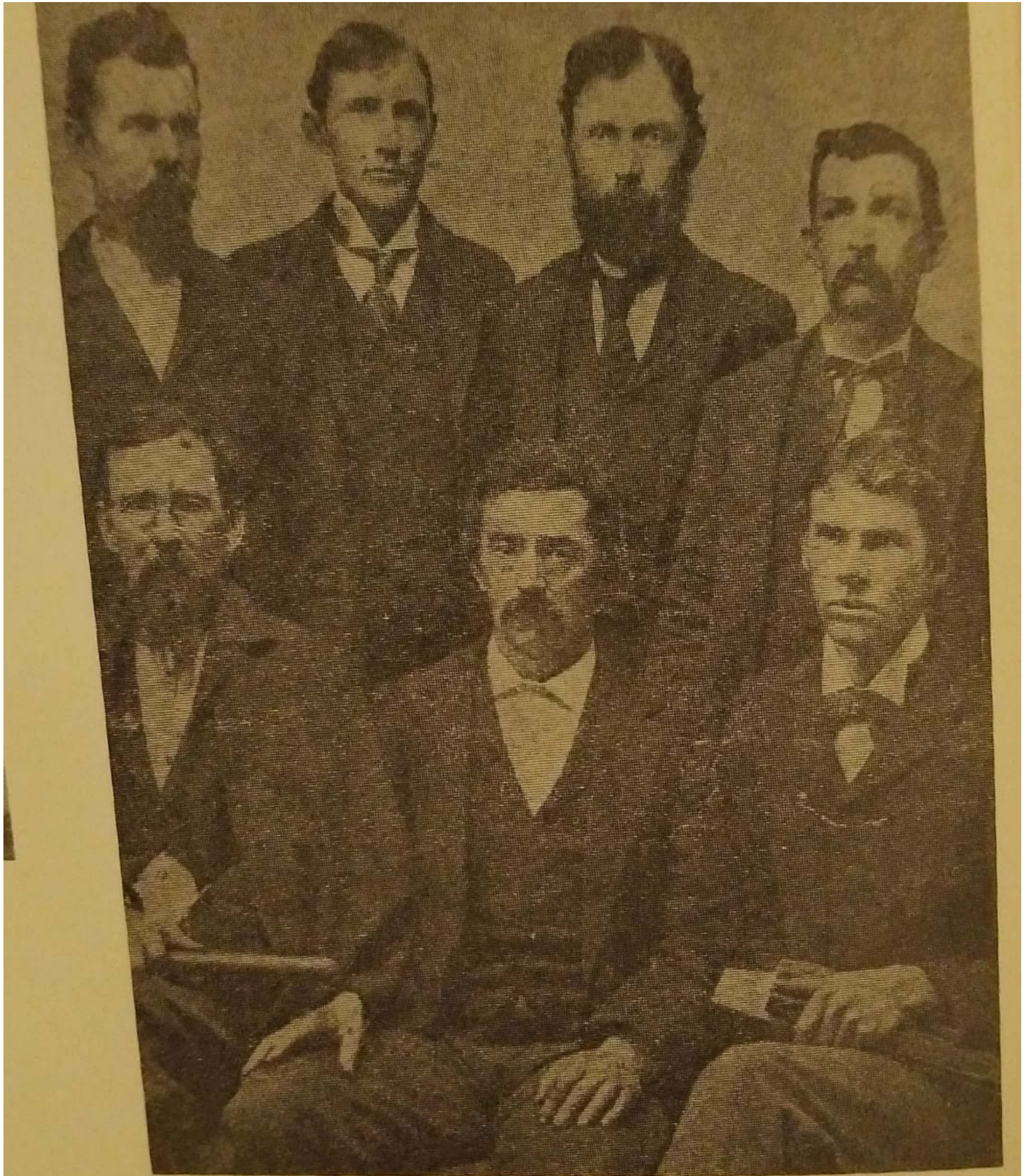
Located in the Memorial Park, this plaque commemorates the naming of the town





John Hutchins Johnson (1807-1864) at the headquarters of the Nineteenth Georgia Regiment (February 1862) in Virginia, surrounded by some of his children and friends in the regiment. He is seated holding a tall beaver hat. On the extreme left is his son, Lt. Col. Tom C. Johnson, and his wife and child. Seated in center of the photo to left of the flag is his son William Johnson; and beside him to right of the flag is Richard H. Johnson. To the right of him and beside John Hutchins Johnson is John Johnson, a nephew of John Hutchins Johnson; Reverend Dabney Penn Jones, a relative by marriage, is at the extreme right of the picture.





The Mayor and Town Council of Palmetto, Georgia, 1898-1899. Seated L-R: Joe Givins, marshal; Thomas Arnold, mayor; Henry W. Morris, town clerk. Standing, L-R: Baron Lafayette Morris, Fred Smith, Dr. Penniston and Mr. Mixon.

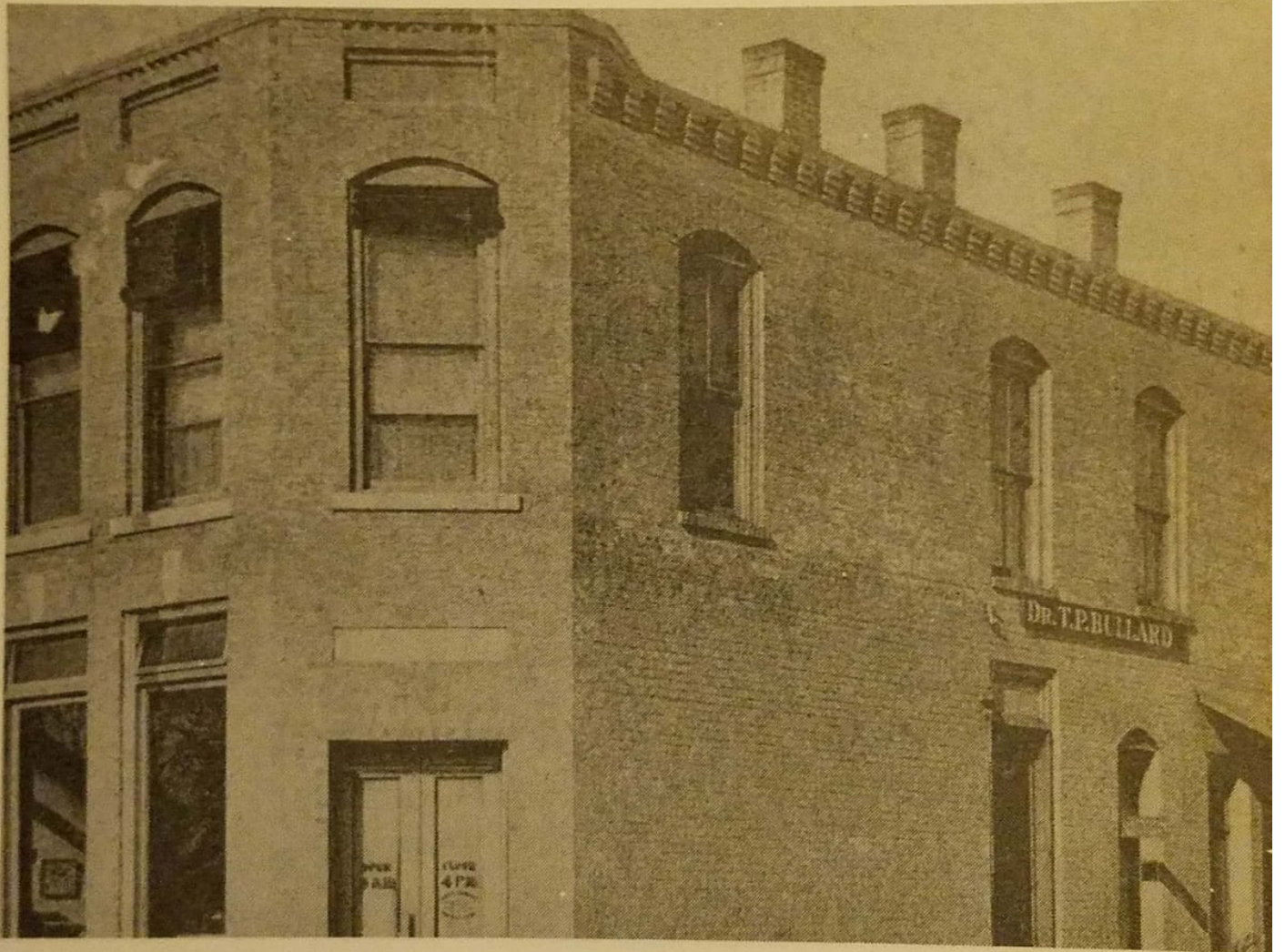


Built by Dr. Hal Johnson approximately 1885, the St. Elmo Hotel was used as a summer resort by people from Atlanta. Later it became a boarding house for many families in Palmetto and was op-

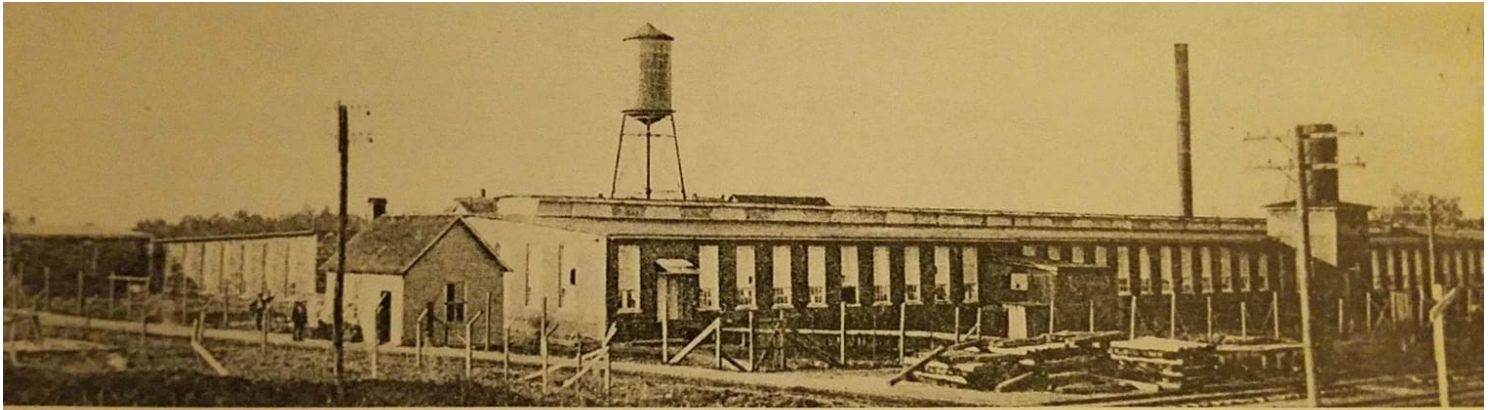
erated by Callie Abrams Carlton and her mother Mrs. Sallie Abrams.



Alf Burney, the shoe maker.



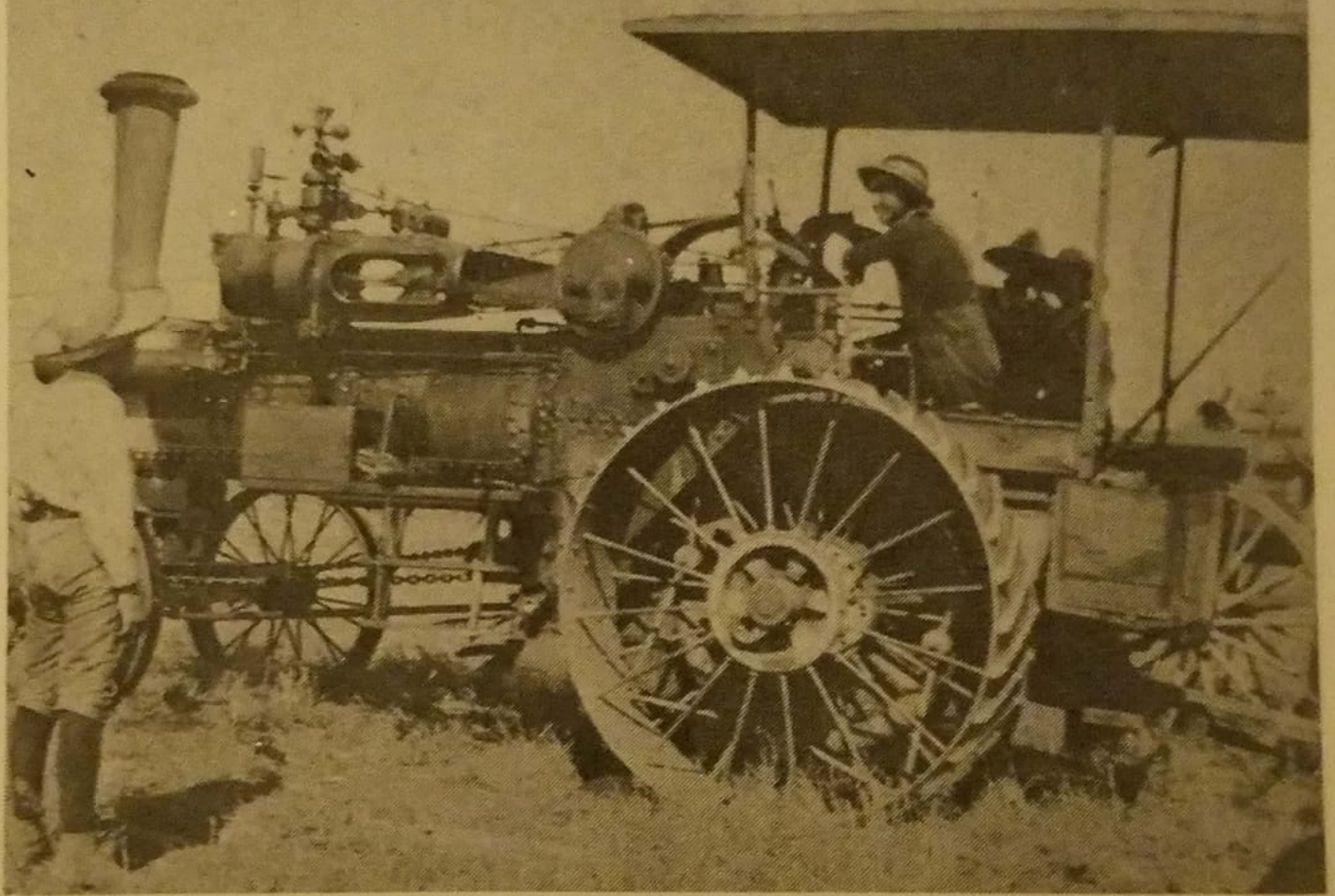
This building housed the first bank of Palmetto and the offices of Dr. T.P. Bullard, Dr. J.A. Carlton and the Telephone Exchange.



Palmetto Cotton Mill in early 1900



T.D. and Sara Wilson's
63 acre farm on Hearn road



Steam-driven engine used in the paving of Highway 29



Cotton Pickin' Time west of Palmetto in 1932

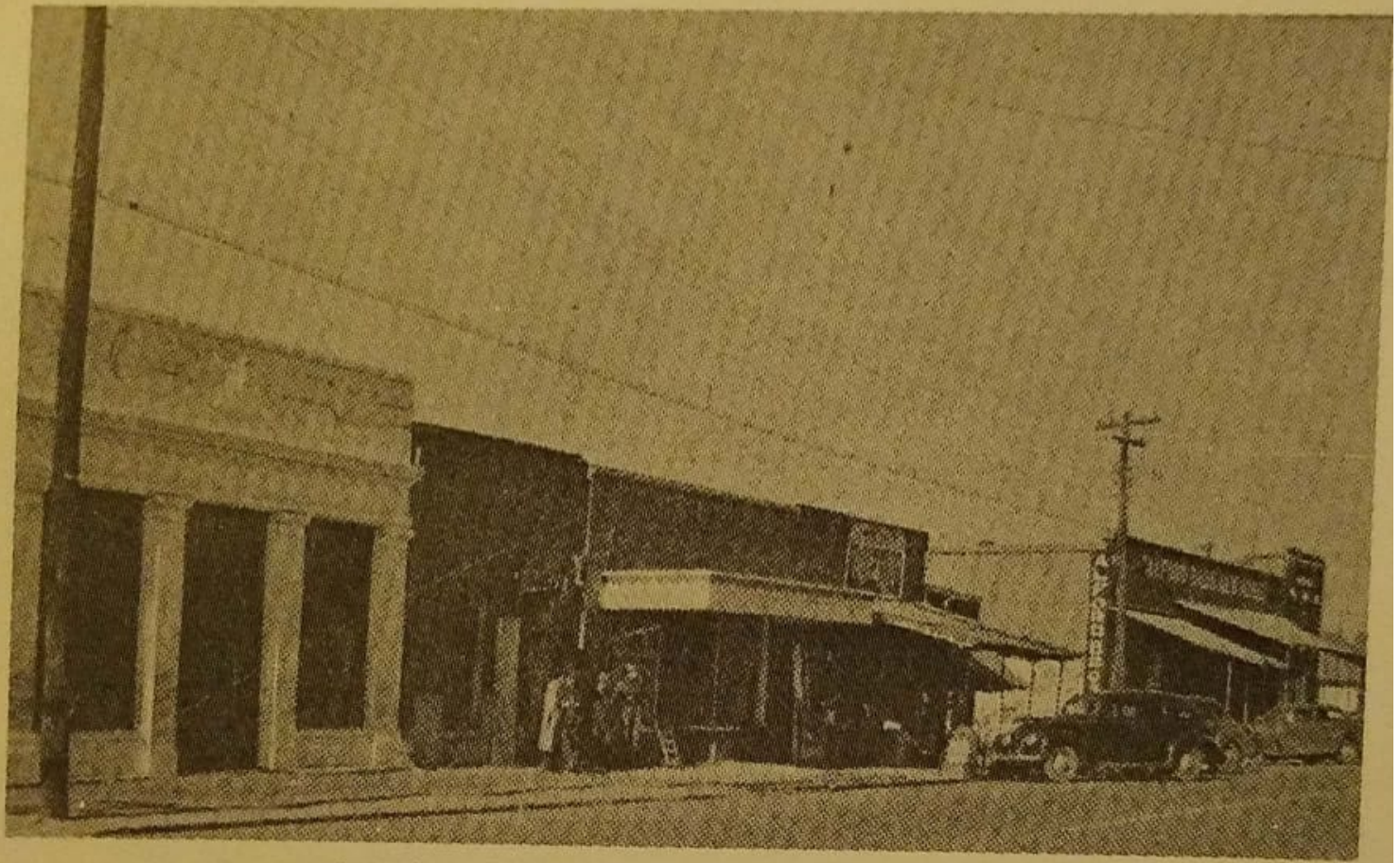


Atlanta-West Point workers laying cross-ties in 1928. Left to right: Will Abbott, A.B. Bradley, Jack Coggins, Walt White, John White, James "Spot" Slaughter.

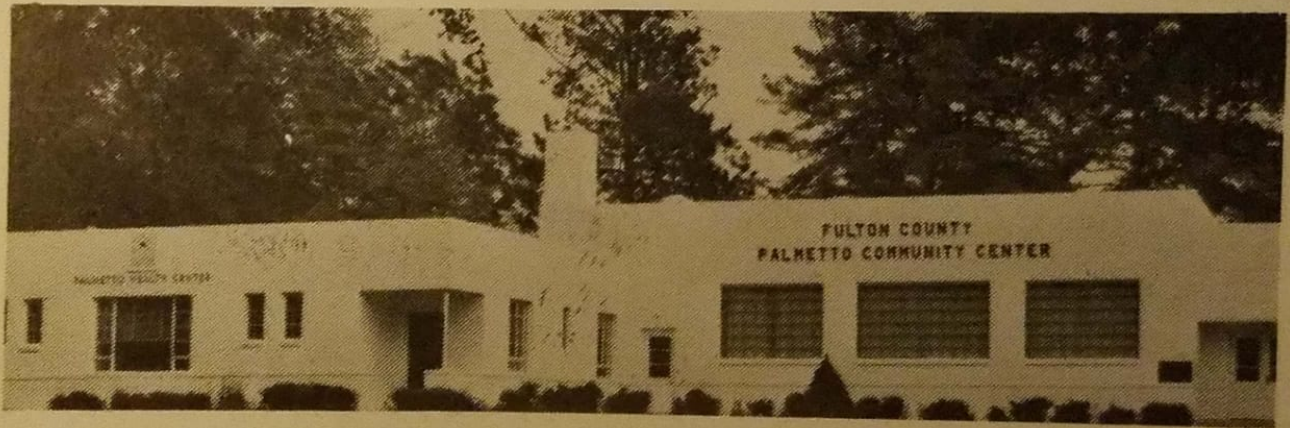


Palmetto's last school funded by the Palmetto Board of Education. This building was built in the 1800's by a Mr. Harris and was erected off East Church Street where the new Hammond Baptist Church

is located. This school had six rooms and a large auditorium on the second floor. The grades were from one to ten.



Part of Palmetto's business district in the 1940's



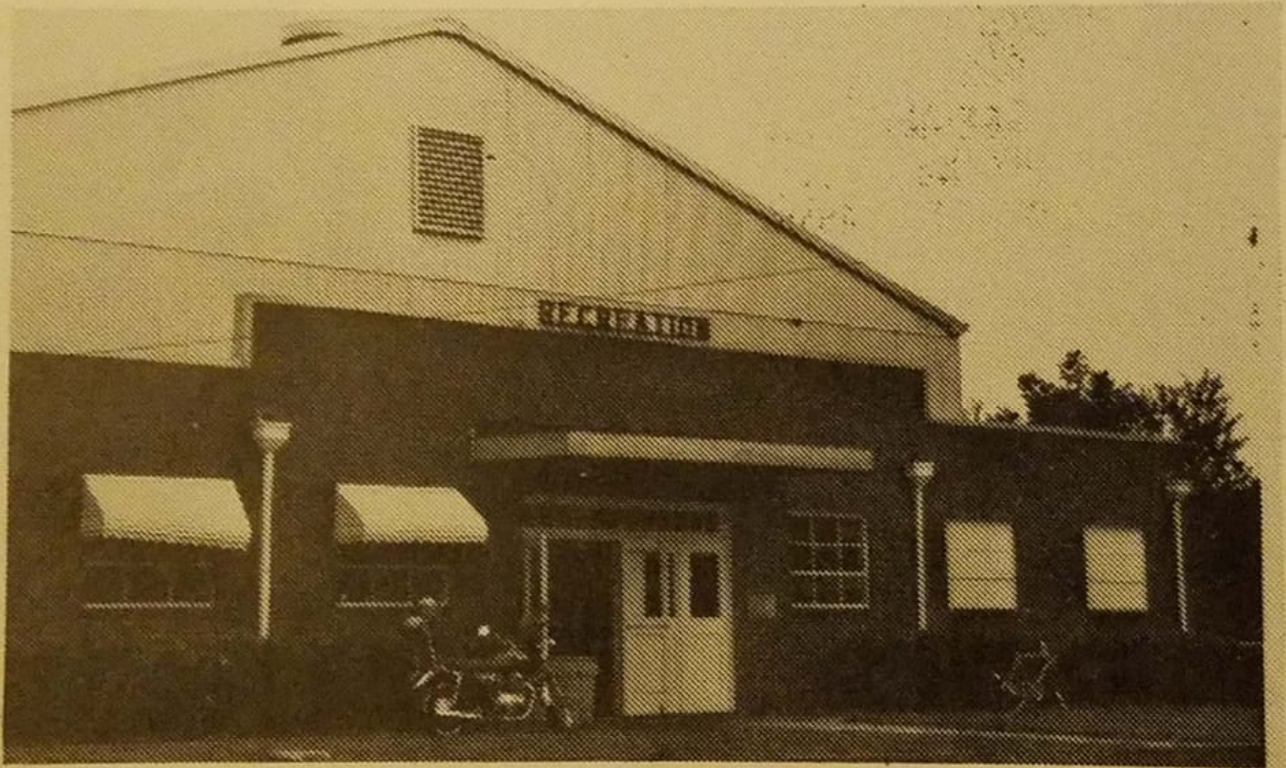
This is the Palmetto Health Clinic and community building. The city-operated kindergarten is presently in this building.



Mill Supt. C.D. Morris, Mayor Frank Smith and Foreman A.H. Atkins view work on the Sewage System in 1949.

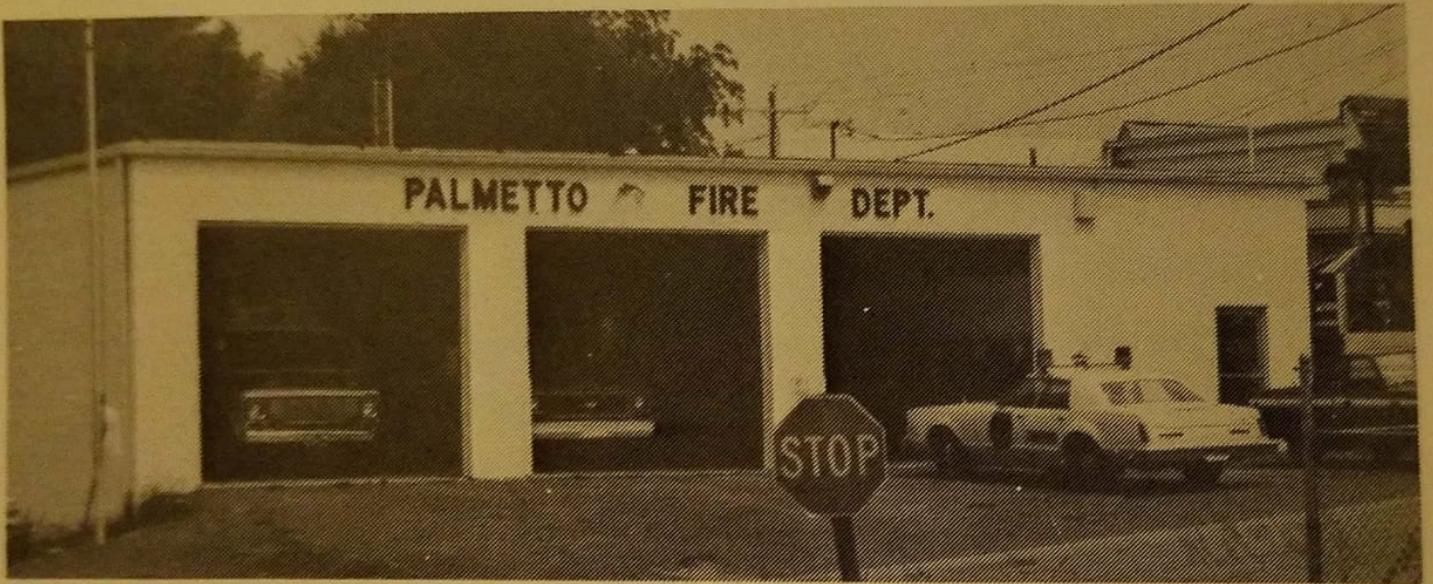


Wayside Park





The Palmetto Post Office.





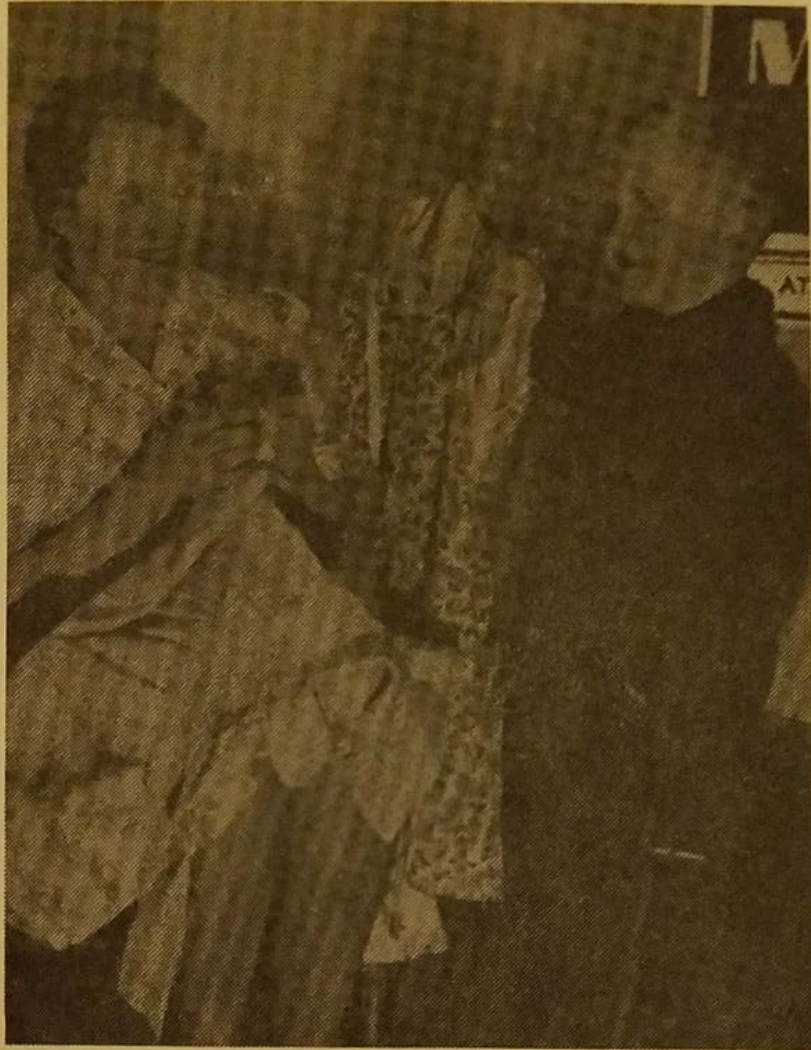
This is the way main street appears today looking south from the Wayside Park.



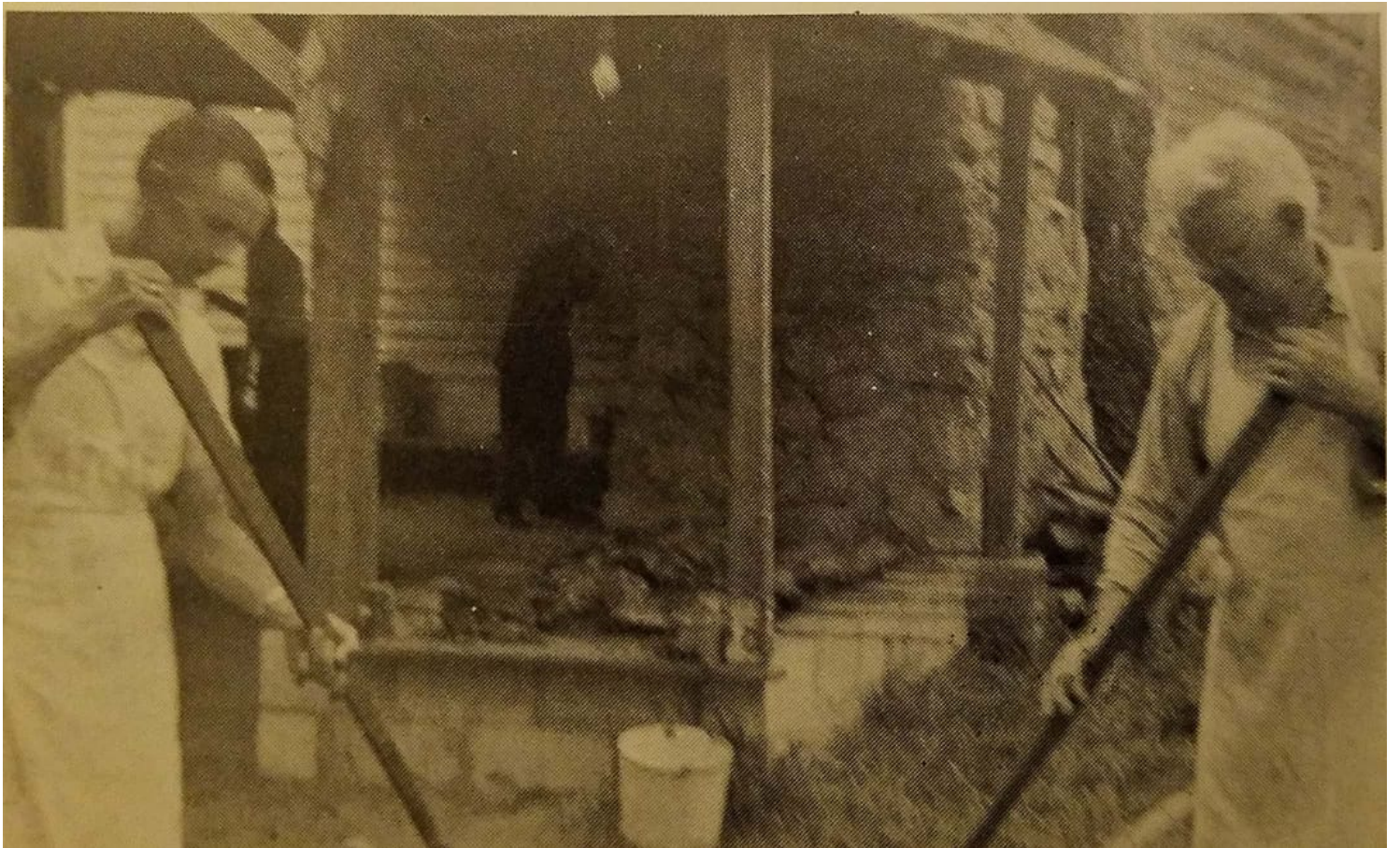
Georgia Baptist Childrens Home

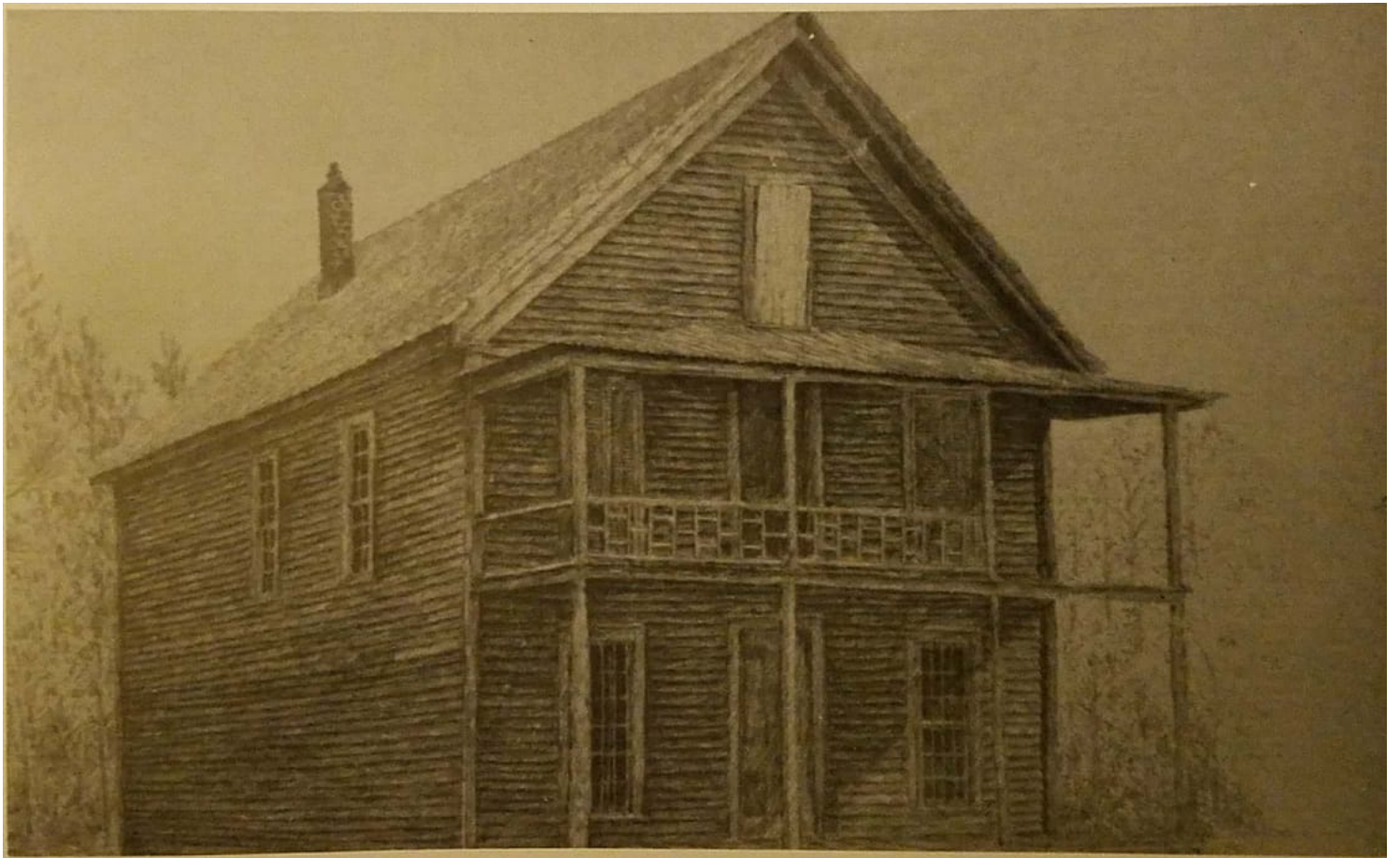


Palmetto High School is on Carlton Road.



The dress that Mrs. Richardson wears, the dress she is sewing, and the dress five year old Tom holds were all made from feed sack cloth.





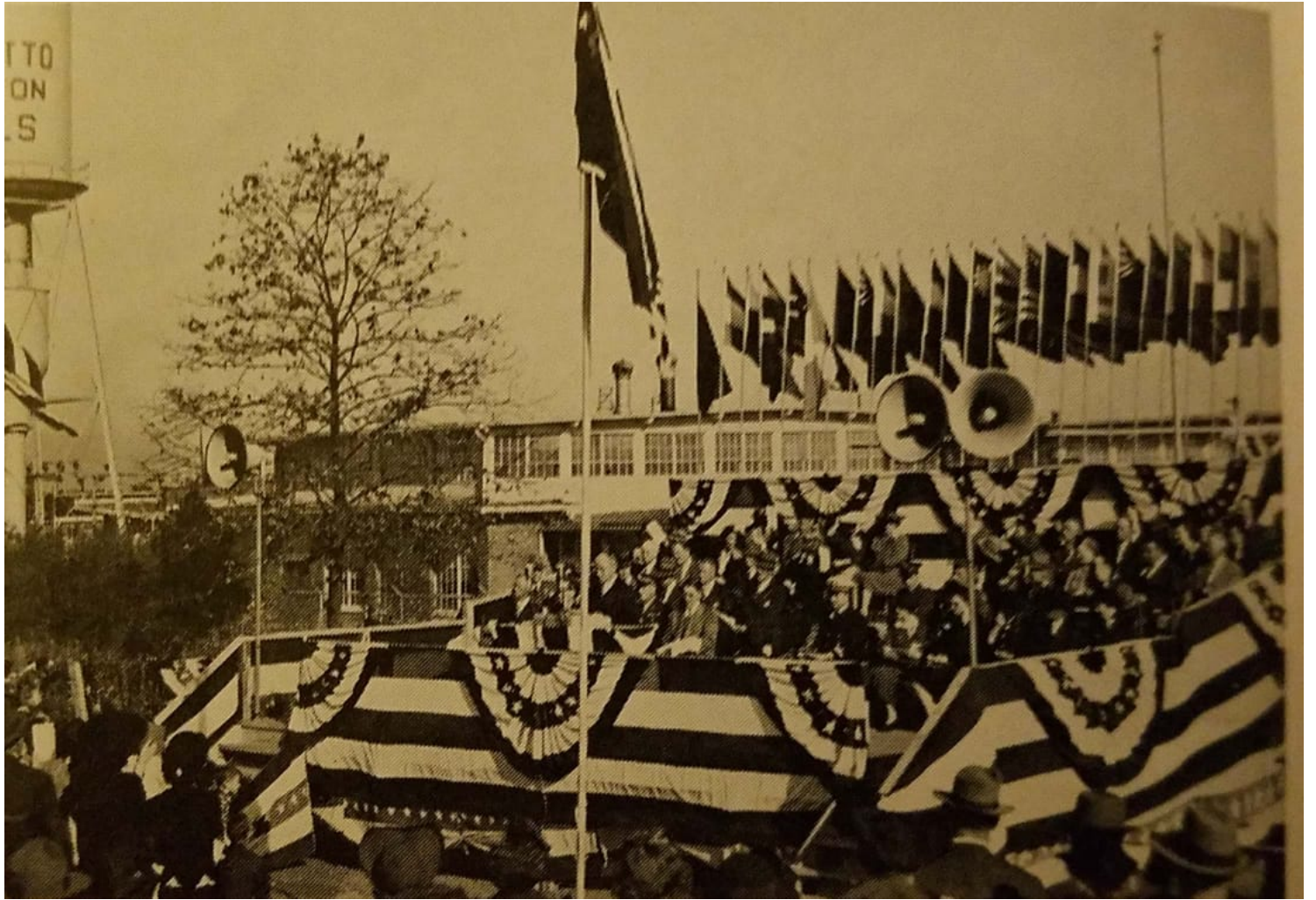
Rico Civic Club after restoration of old Masonic Lodge

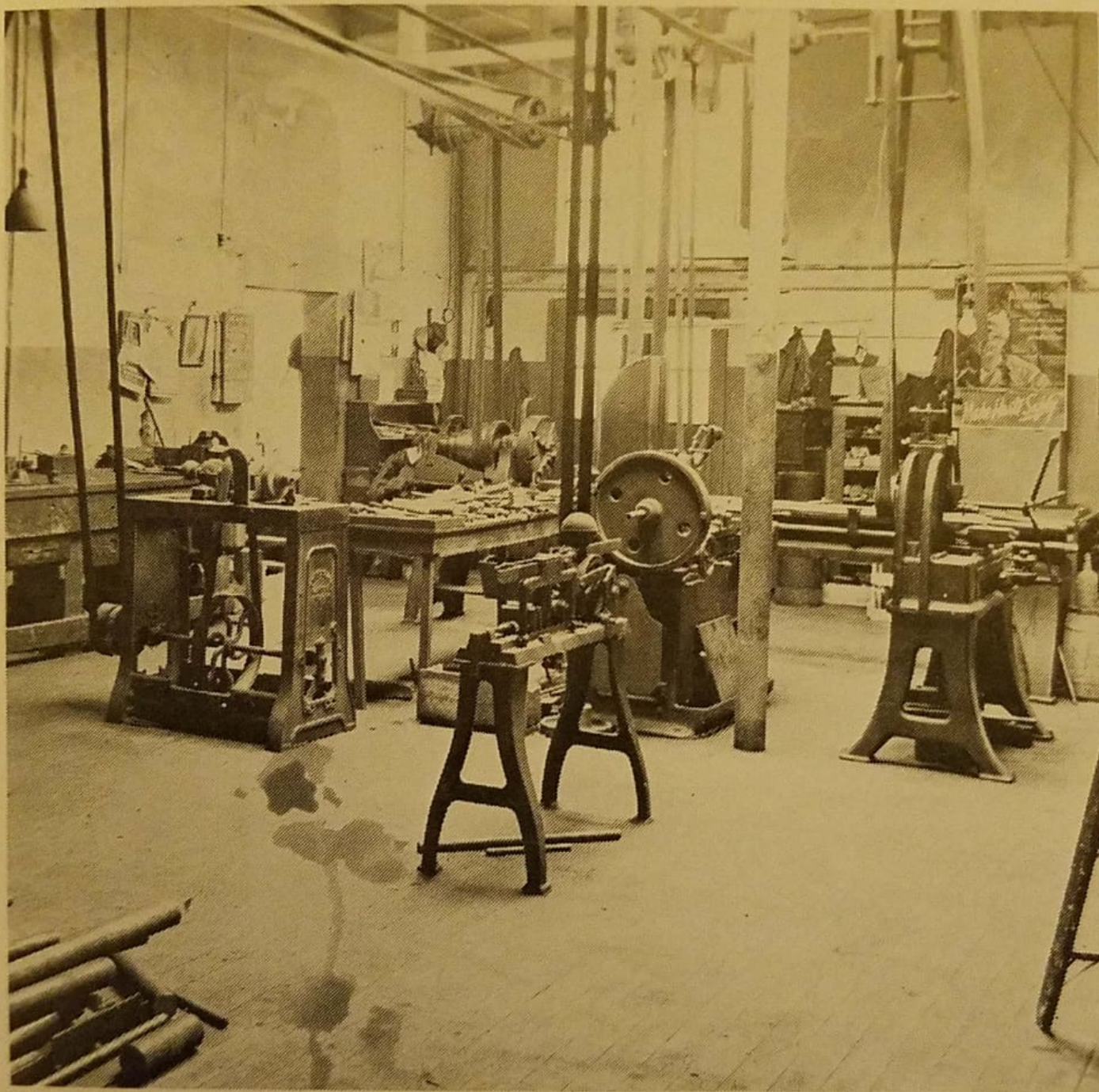
C.B. Moseley's Dry Goods: Homer Shell, Ed Duke, Moseley Roan, Effie Parker











Machine Shop in the Cotton Mill



Cranford Street on the Mill Village



Palmetto Baseball Team in the mid-1930's

Seated: B.T. Barronton; Bill Upchurch. Standing; Durward Blair, Wyatt Rodgers, Ray Lassetter, Roy Rodgers, unknown, Alton Bowie, Posey Haynes, Stacy Milam

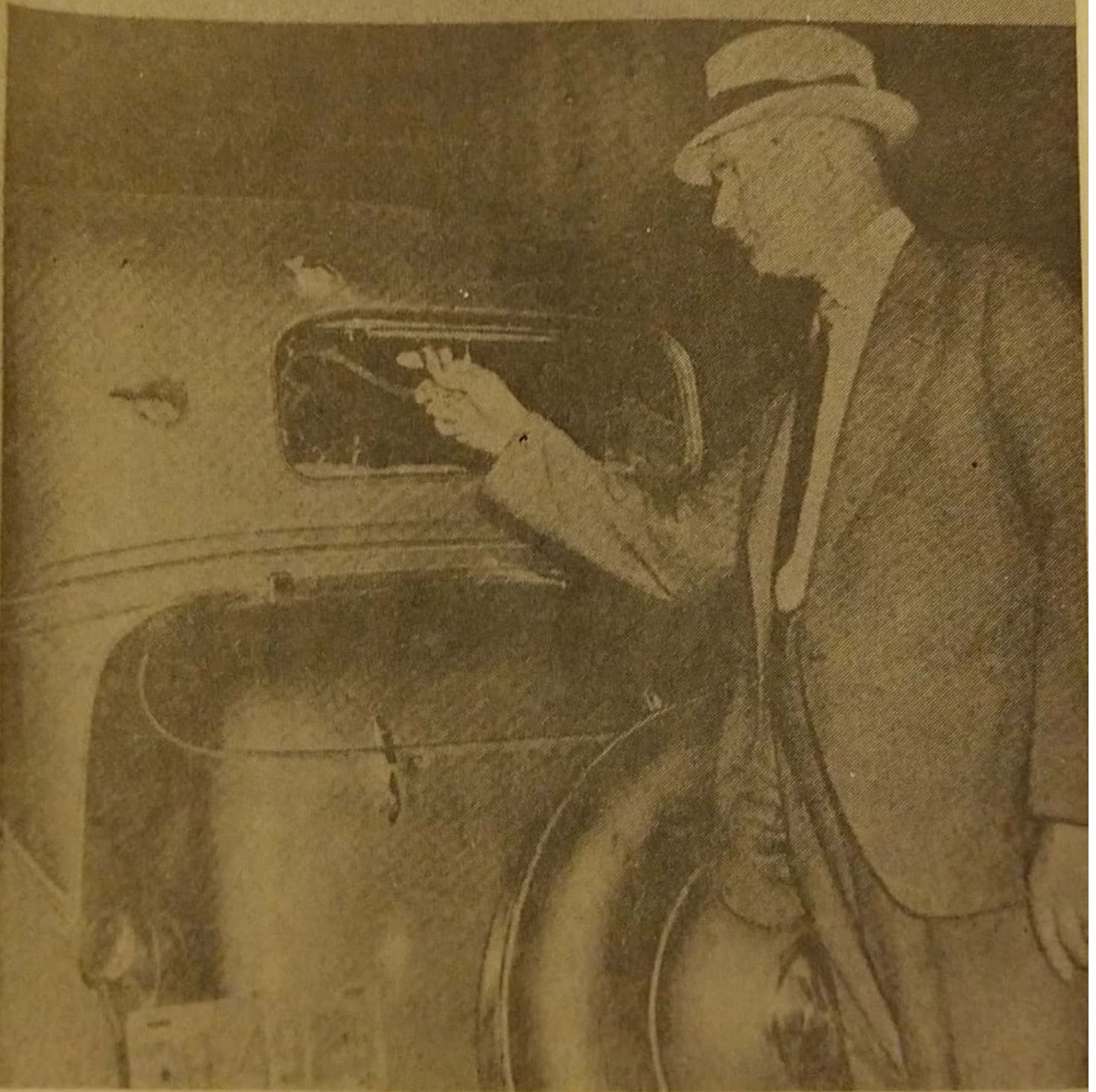
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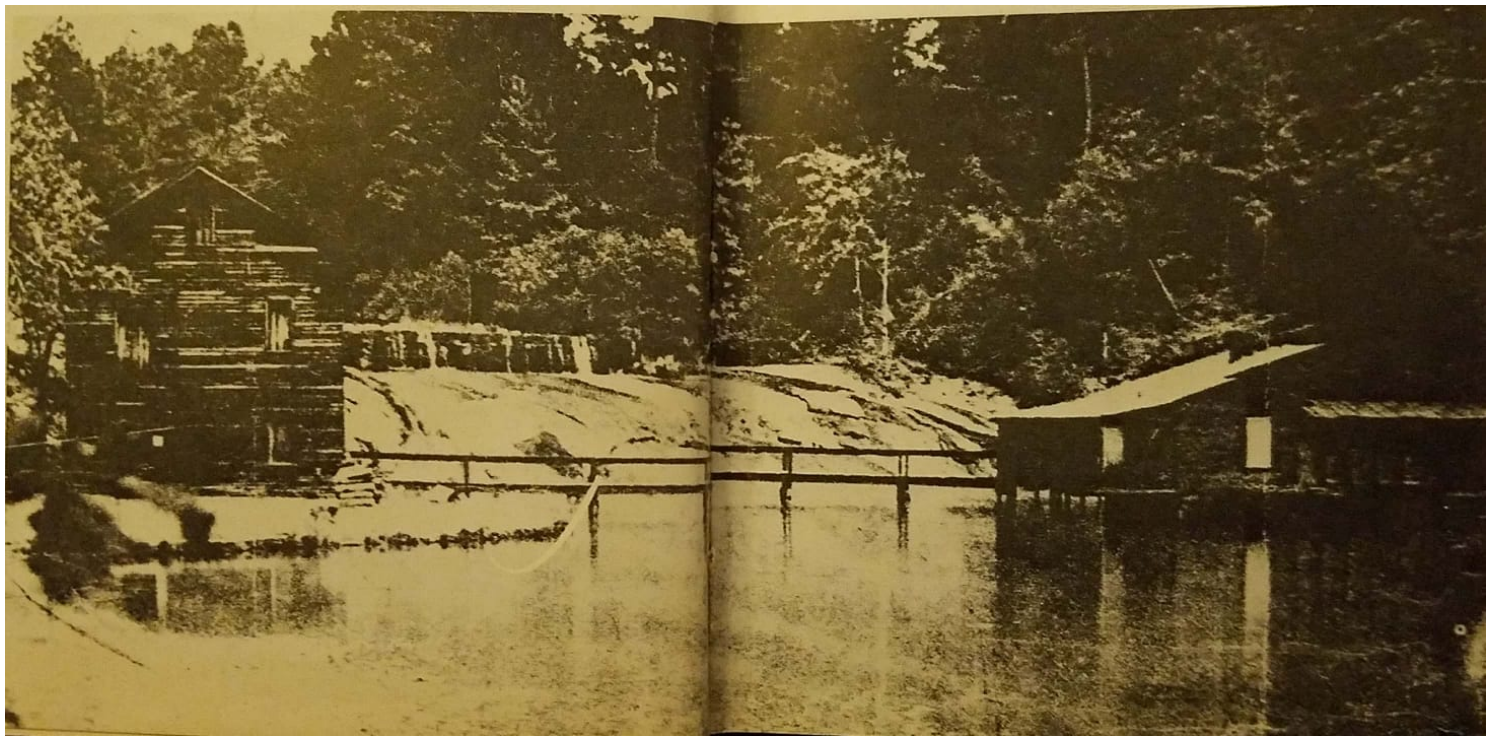
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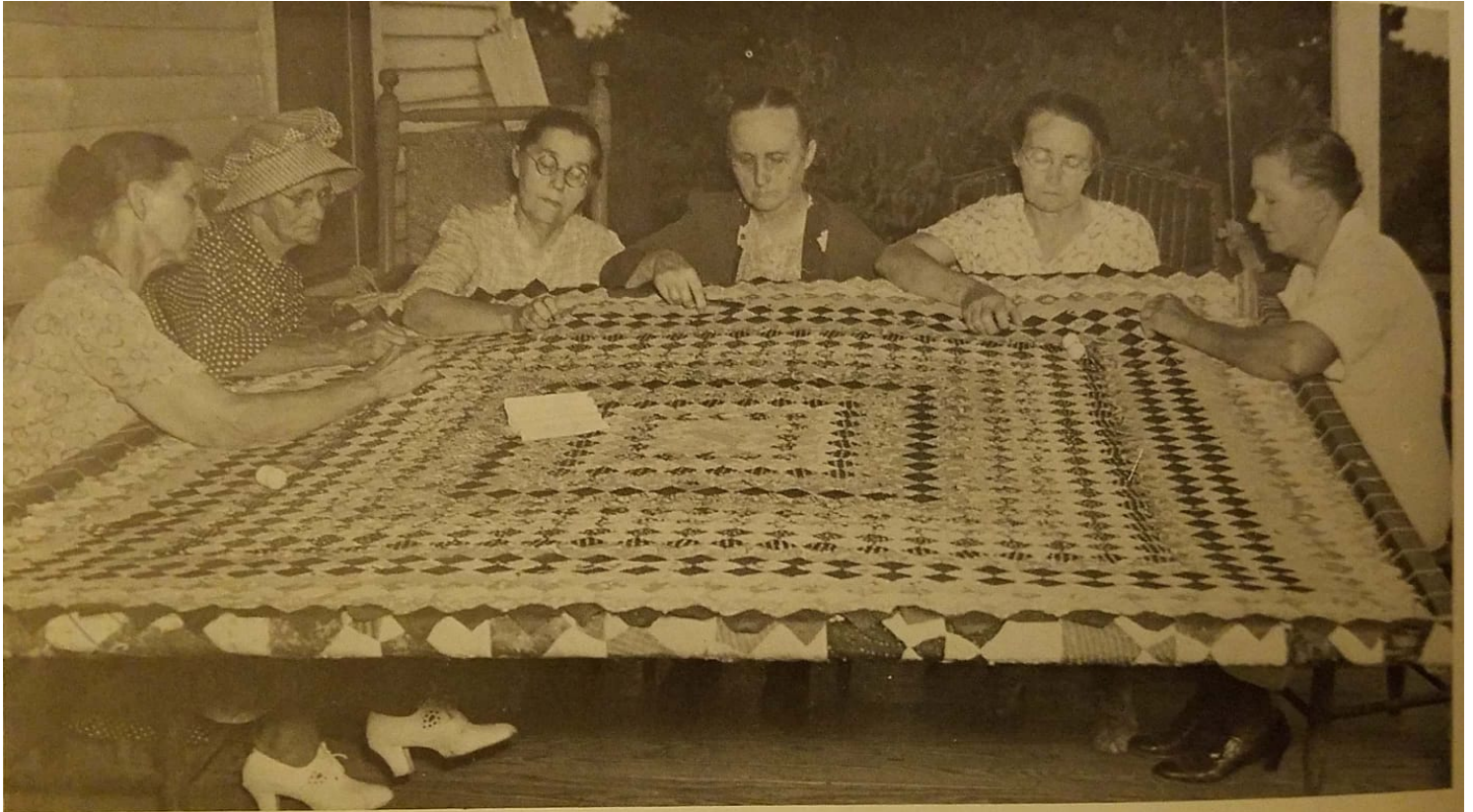
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IN PALMETTO BANK

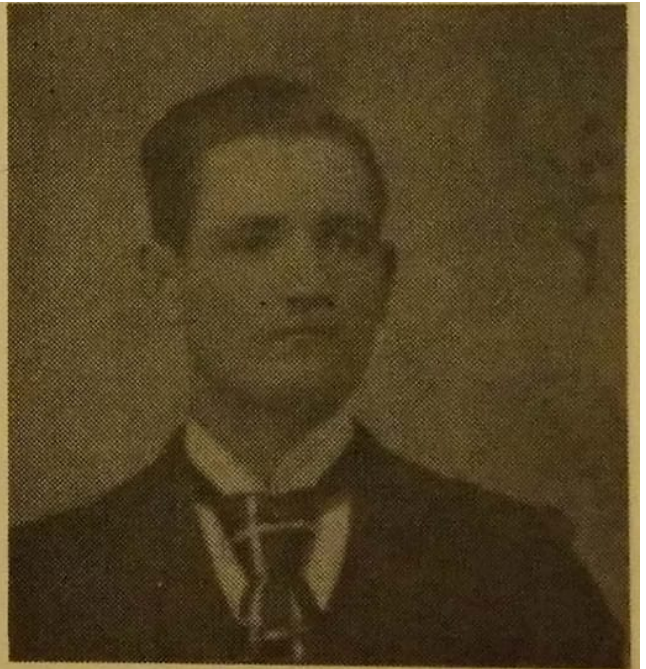
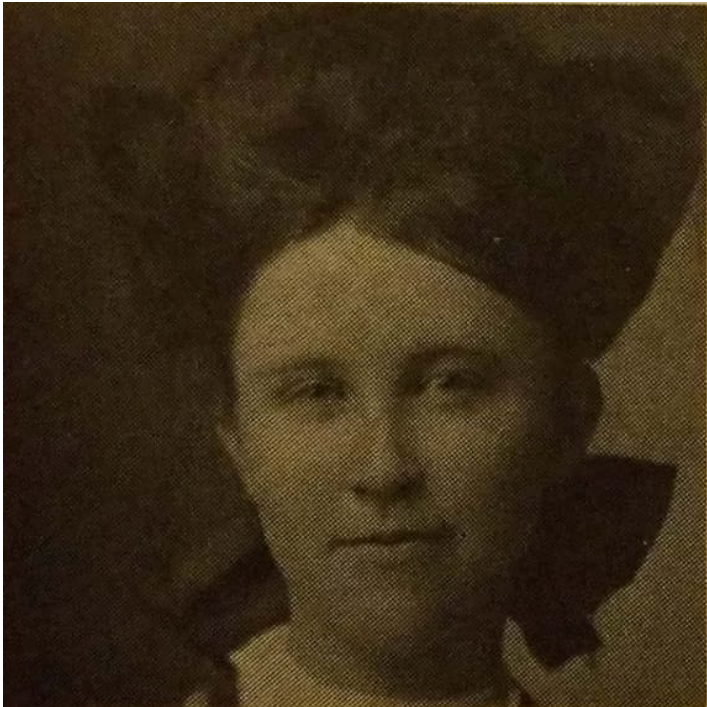
Bullet Riddled Auto and Palmetto Bank







As was the custom around 1941, women, out of necessity, combined their household chores with their social life. These women were photographed displaying a quilt that had been quilted. Sometimes three or four quilts would be quilted at a quilting party. These women are shown on the front porch of Mrs. Mattie Robinson. They are left to right: Mrs. Mattie Robinson, Mrs. Cath Jackson, Mrs. Siddie Keith, Mrs. Tom Shell, Mrs. Hattie Robinson, and Mrs. Susan Seymour.







CAN YOU FIND JERRY HUBBARD REED?



Students photographed at Riley School in 1946. First row, left to right: Sara Ann Robinson Alford, Laverne Rodgers Phillips, June , Juanita Ray, Francis Ramsey, Josephine Wilson, Jean Morgan, G-ladys Richardson James, Pat Jenkins Barnes, Carole Harper. Second row: unknown, Gene Cotton, Eddie Garrett, Eugene Carter, unknown. Third row: Teacher, Mildred Wingo, Howard Hunt, Billy Shell, Jerry Hubbard Reed, Billy Duncan, Harvey Melear, Joyce Braswell, Joyce Bradley, Betty Bates Roberts, Evelyn Oliver. Fourth row: Ned Peek, Roger Bonner, Bud Roberts, Louis Collinsworth, Ronnie Turner, Harry Deal, Barbara Harcourt, JoAnn Farr Smith, Joyce Mobley. Fifth Row: Kenneth Bryant, William Hyatt, Donald Lee, Gene Shaw, Albert Pitts, Louie Barge, Patsy Dowdy, Irene Dingler, Patsy Barnes, Virginia Jones, Marian Langley and teacher, Clarice Kearns. Back: Jerry Boyonton, unknown and Jack Wilson

This is what a baptizing service looked like in 1916 at Ramah Baptist Church. This was down behind the church at the "Pond." These are the names we knew, left to right: Tarpley Turner is holding Ralph Jones, Oscar Collins, Mr. Collinsworth, Rufus Moss, Hines Morgan, unknown, Bertis Carter, Buel Astin, Andrew Jackson, Wright Turbyfield, Cleve Congo, Crawford Dennis, Sr., Guy Morgan, Wayne Morris, Rev. Lee Cutts; front row: Rube Turbyfield, unknown, unknown, Lola Richardson, Vester Bowen, Mattie Sue Turner, Mae Bailey, unknown, Gertrude Collins, Nell Roberts, Genia Carter, unknown, unknown, unknown, May Parker, Leilie Mae Morris, Dora Turner; back row: Tom Richardson, Hugh Port, Earl Barronton, unknown, unknown, unknown, unknown, and Fred Turner.





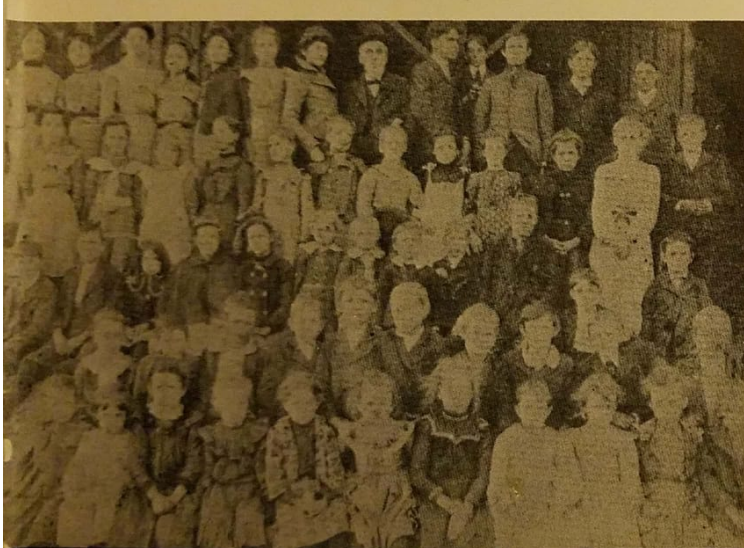
In 1934 the ninth grade class at Charles E. Riley were left to right, Margaret Turner, Claudia Couch, Lillian Langley, Margaret Hall, and Dorothy Hopkins; second row, Desbert White, Freeman Dean, Tom Gullatt, Willis Johnston, Jr., Parks Condor, Ed Jackson and Sammy Dennis; third row, Clyde Bates, Ruby Collins, Betty Smith, Margaret Atchinson, Bob Smith and Harvey Moore.

came principal in fall of 1975 and is now serving in that capacity.

Submitted by Sara G. Bentley

First three grades at Palmetto School 1928





This group was "Palmetto School" in 1902-1903. Starting left on back row they are: Ruby Edge, Jennie Lou Cole, Flora Condor, Willie Richardson, Annie Jean Culbreath, Cecil Daniel, Nora Steed, Capt. Andy Richardson, John Giles, Claud Culbreath, Edd Goggans, Land Goggans, Herschel Brown. Second row: Edna Condor, Marion Arnold, Aleen Ponder, Doll Richardson, Mary Daniel, Jessie Daniel, Lucile Daniel, Lizzie Jackson, Mary Congo, Pauline Cole, Tommy Turner, Huie Hearn. Third row: Isaac Edge, Matt Richardson, Neville Condor, Estelle Swann, Lilla Barown, Howard Daniel, George Mark Posey, Cling Owens, Alfred Swann, Herman Hearn, Will Edge, Edgar Wingo. Fourth row: Howard Overby, Horace Roberts, Glen Brown, Tom Daniel, Edwin Johnson, Archie Harper, Parker Congo, Ralph Goggans, Headden Smith, Raymond Steed. Front row: Rebie Brown, Mildred Edge, Osborn Hopkins, Mabel Posey, Vercie Edge, Opal Tarrance, Sweetie Richardson, Gladys Ponder, Lillie Mae Griffith, Minnie Mae Edge, and Grace Reid.